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Yearbook

1. Joshua Strong (11), Xavier Herman (11), Olivia Janssen (11), and Connor Lovejoy (11) quickly work a math problem during a quizbowl match. This team has been involved in quizbowl since junior high.

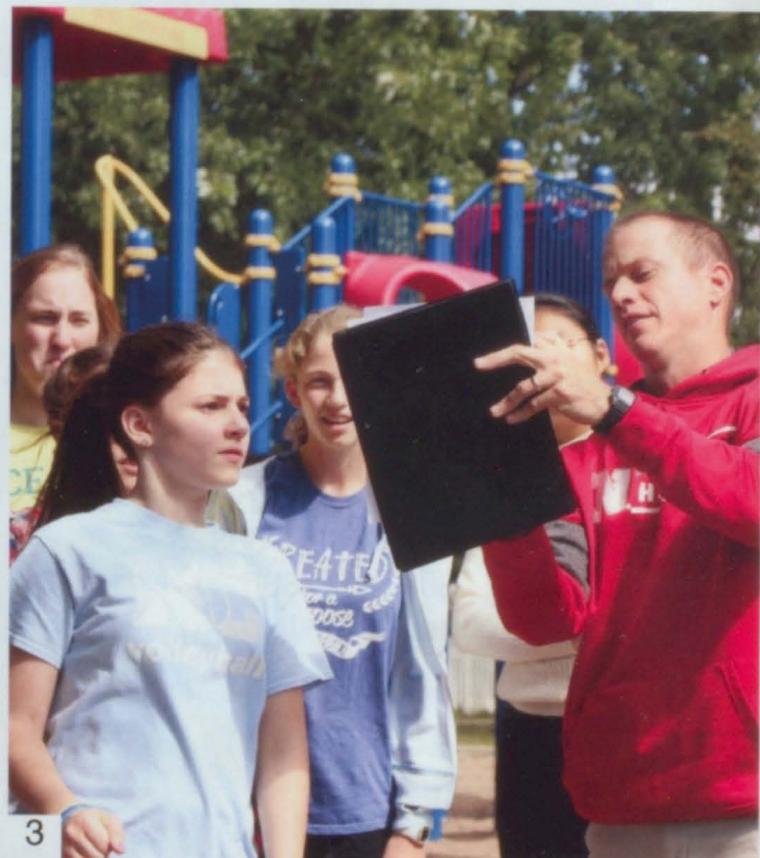
2. The elementary sing joyfully in the Festival of Lessons and Carols. Held annually in December, the Festival serves as a kick-off for the Christmas season.



3. Mr. Clay Mankin gives a clue to Caitlin Chiles (8), Sidney McHargue (10), Rachel Rathjen (9) and other e-group members. The e-groups met weekly to encourage and support each other.

4. Passapong (Fame) Punpoka slices pork for the dish he is cooking. Punpoka liked to cook and enjoyed sharing his culture through food.

5. The Junior High Boys Basketball team prays together after a game. These students carried on the tradition of praying after games, reminding the students as well as spectators that our purpose in all that we do is to glorify the Lord.



Overview

A Goal of Restoration

Restoration often entails the act of making the old to be like new again, or returning a subject to the ideal that it was always meant to be. With that in mind, the yearbook class decided that the theme "Restore" perfectly described Nebraska Christian's plans for the 2020-2021 school year. The historic Ad Building was to undergo renovation, a new commons area was to be constructed adjacent to the gym building, the school was to reach its 60th Anniversary, the administration was to champion the Core Values that describe Nebraska Christian's beliefs, and new technology such as the FACTS grading system was to be instituted. From the renovation of an iconic school landmark to the institution of new systems for the advancement of the school's ambitions and ideals, this year promised restoration in a multitude of ways. We anticipated these welcomed changes, but little did we know that God, like usual, had much bigger plans for restoration than we ever could have dreamed.

- Jordan Schnell (12)



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People

It's About the People

As the school and teachers aimed to restore and build upon the students' relationship with Christ, their peers have also made a big impact on their spiritual walk with the Lord. **Isabelle Brumbaugh (7)** put it this way, "My favorite part about Nebraska Christian is the amazing body of believers that surround you each day, and all the wonderful teachers who take the time to help us further our knowledge of the Word, and grow our relationship with our Savior". The people were definitely the backbone of the school. Without the constant support and encouragement of the family of Christ, Nebraska Christian would not be the same. When students are put to the test, they can rely on the friendships they have built at the school to guide them in the right direction. **Nehemiah Peters (10)** said, "We are children of Christ and can stick together on that".

Another great piece of the atmosphere was the relationship of upperclassmen with underclassmen. Several younger students mentioned how their e-group leaders made a big impact on them to spur them on to be good leaders one day. Teams also encouraged students by creating a family-like atmosphere. "The upperclassmen have affected me through their attitudes in sports. It has been so encouraging to be with girls on the team where you are like a family". said **Reghan Flynn (9)**. Nebraska Christian is more than just the buildings on campus; it is about the people.

- Chandra Davis (10)



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1. Chandra Davis (10) assists Evelyn Poland (7) to get her body successfully through the hula hoop in a game of hula hoop pass. This was one of the many games played by e-groups to help the members to grow closer to each other.

2. Richie Musgrave (8) and Isaiah Davis (7) wave at the camera as they wait for the speaker to begin his session during Spiritual Emphasis day. Many students would look for an opportunity to get on the camera.

3. Claire Pipher (9) pushes Amanda Carlson (9) in a wheel chair during Injury day. Injury day was one of the dress up days during Homecoming this year.

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4. Ava Brumbaugh (6) and Alexis Perry (5) examine the plants in the green house. The elementary students sometimes had botany class with the high school students during the school year.

5. Liangyu (Leon) Tao (11), Anh (Andrew) Nguyen (10), Wuyi (Link) Lin (10), and Passapong (Fame) Punpoka (11) show their comraderie. The international boys had a fun time striking poses for the yearbook staff.

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1. Mr. Andy Falk talks to Keith Wasomi (12), Talia Parlane (12), and Jordan Schnell (12) on the first day of school on the way to the pep rally. The pep rally was a welcome back event hosted by the 2019-2020 student council.

2. Grace Langemeier (12), Jamie Myers (12), Stephanie Strobel (12), and Kendyl Jividen (12) show off their alien babies on sci-fi day. These girls showed their school spirit by dressing up everyday during Spirit Week, sometimes even with costume changes in the middle of the day!

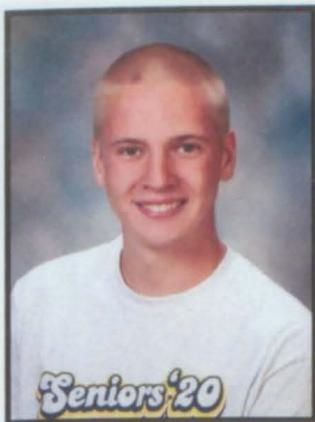
3. Bryce Krieger (12) proves his grill skills cooking burgers for senior cookout. This year, following in the footsteps of years past, the seniors hosted two cookouts to help raise money for their senior trip.

Seniors

In this last year as a high schooler, seniors finished their year in their own ways. Seniors had to be intentional to make some special memories with their classmates because of their busy schedules. **Jamie Myers (12)** said, "Like all of high school, you get out what you put in. I made conscious efforts to go to sporting events, sign up for harder classes, and hang out with friends. It was hard to manage everything, but it was so worth it! Cheering for my friends at their activities and spending quality time with them are some of my favorite memories that I'll take with me".

At the same time as making some fun memories, seniors prepared for their college life ahead. Seniors stepped out of their comfort zone and faced all kinds of challenges. **Clay Purkerson (12)** said, "I would say I am ready for this next chapter in life. I've had much help and support from my loved ones, teachers and friends. Getting out of high school and leaving for college can be a scary thing at times, but I will trust God with his reasons for putting me where he wants me to be".

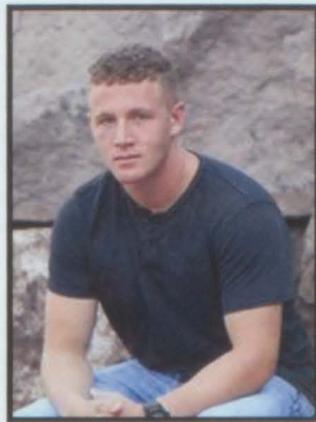
- Zihui (Johnny) Wu (12)



Seniors '20

Hunter Dixon

Years at NC: 5
Hometown: Clarks
Favorite verse:
 "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all to the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31



Kalob Green

Years at NC: 5
Hometown: Marquette
Favorite verse:
 "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10



Amy Hilderbrand

Years at NC: 8.5
Hometown: Central City
Favorite Verse:
 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9



Seth Hower

Years at NC: 13
Hometown: Grand Island
Favorite Verse:
 "But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31



Kendyl Jividen

Years at NC: 8
Hometown: Hordville
Favorite verse:
 "Let all that you do be done in love" 1 Corinthians 16:14



Small but mighty, the class of 2020 rose to overcome unprecedented challenges for their last year of highschool. Although they did not end the year the way they had planned, they found ways to celebrate and refused to let the novel coronavirus pandemic bring them down.



Bryce Krieger

Years at NC: 4
Hometown: O'Neill
Favorite verse:
 "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him." James 1:5



Grace Langemeier

Years at NC: 7.5
Hometown: Marquette
Favorite verse: "...but they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary, and they shall walk and not faint."



Pencheng (Moses) Lu

Years at NC: 3
Hometown: Taiyuan, China
Favorite verse:
 "For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few." Matthew 7:14



Yihang (Emily) Meng

Years at NC: 3
Hometown: Taiyuan, China
Favorite verse:
 "To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1



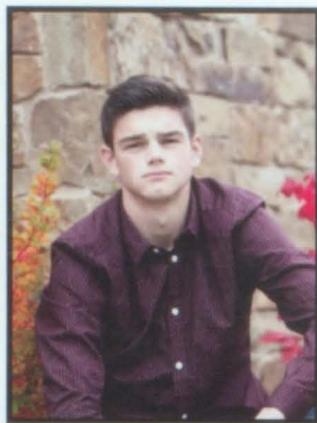
Jamie Myers

Years at NC: 11
Hometown: Central City
Favorite verse: "By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world." 1 John 4:17

**Christopher Needham****Years at NC:** 4**Hometown:** Grand Island**Favorite Verse:**

"Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil."

Ephesians 6:11

**Garrett Nokelby****Years at NC:** 5**Hometown:** Marquette**Favorite verse:**

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9

**Talia Parlane****Years at NC:** 4**Hometown:** Central City**Favorite verse:**

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."

Psalm 23:1

**Clay Purkerson****Years at NC:** 3**Hometown:** Central City**Favorite verse:**

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16

**Xinpeng (Sam) Qu****Years at NC:** 4**Hometown:** Jinzhong, China**Favorite verse:**

"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love."

Ephesians 4:2

Class Verse
 "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." -Romans 12:2 (ESV)

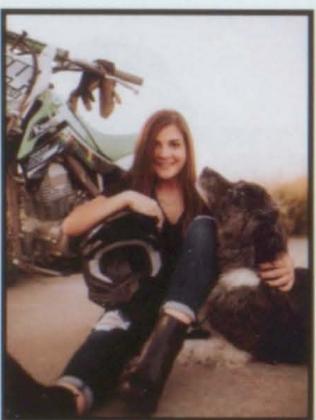
Class Motto
 "If you are more fortunate than others, it is better to build a longer table than a taller fence." -Anonymous

Class Flower
 Yellow Tulip

Class Colors
 Crystal Blue, Canary Yellow, Silver

**Jordan Schnell****Years at NC:** 4**Hometown:** Central City**Favorite verse:**

"The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps." Proverbs 16:9

**Stephanie Strobel****Years at NC:** 13**Hometown:** Marquette**Favorite verse:**

"I will sing the Lord's praise, for he has been good to me."

Psalm 13:6

**Garrett Swantek****Years at NC:** 4**Hometown:** Genoa**Favorite verse:**

"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

Philippians 1:21

**Keith Wasomi****Years at NC:** 4**Hometown:** Nairobi, Kenya**Favorite verse:**

"nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:39

**Zihui (Johnny) Wu****Years at NC:** 3**Hometown:** Taiyuan, China**Favorite Verse:**

"For God gives us a spirit not of fear, but of power and love and self-control."

2 Timothy 1:7

Class Prophecy

Hunter Dixon: Hunter is thrilled to finally be free. His excitement doubles when he finds out he won the lottery, so he quits his job and takes a vacation for the foreseeable future. On his last day at work, the FBI pulls up and questions him. Hunter becomes the first person in history to be arrested for plagiarism. Hunter adapts well to prison life because, as he puts it, "it's just like high school".

Kalob Green: After high school, Kalob works hard to become the highest-ranking official in the Marines: a 4-Star General. He achieves this goal only 1 week into Boot Camp. After retiring at age 23, Kalob informs everyone that he cannot make it to our class reunion because he has to film for his hit TV show, "How To Be Over-Prepared For An Apocalypse".

Pencheng (Moses) Lu: Shortly after Moses returns to China, a video of him rapping goes viral. Moses' manager has him take some dance classes to improve his already amazing skills. Pretty soon, Moses has job offers from Beyoncé, Psy, and Michael Jackson; yes, even him too. However, Moses realises that being a superstar is not for him. He decides to make a new identity for himself. Moses changes his name to Professor Lu and teaches art for the rest of his life.

Talia Parlane: After 4 long years at college, Talia can't wait to get out of Nebraska, so she moves back home to Bangladesh. She decides to run for President and, of course, won. At Talia's request, Emily performs K-dramas for the people of Bangladesh. Talia is so impressed that she hires Emily to have a permanent seat in Parliament. The country of Bangladesh is now known as the dancing capital of the world.

Stephanie Strobel: Steph travels and travels and travels a little more. She only stops her traveling when she needs to vlog. She insists on keeping her 52 followers updated on her excursions throughout Mexico. Steph gets around by dirt biking everywhere; however, since she was raised by racecar drivers, things tend to get out of hand quickly. Throughout the entire Baja Peninsula, Steph becomes affectionately, or so she thinks, known as "la conductora loca", which roughly translates to "the crazy driver".

Amy Hilderbrand: Now that school is out of the way, Amy can finally focus on her dream: becoming the world's best graffiti artist. With goals to surpass even Banksy, she sets off. Amy travels the Midwest riding (and drawing) on trains. Because of this, she discovers that she was not born to live the life of an artist, so she settles for her second life goal: becoming a hobo.

Kendyl Jividen: Kendyl tried and tried to make nannying work but she got sick of driving a minivan, so she decided to try her hand at running her own business. After a brief attempt selling Kendyl's Klarinets for Kiddies, she teams up with Garrett Nokelby to mass-produce her famous puppy chow. Sadly, this didn't work out either because Garrett kept eating the product faster than Kendyl could make it.

Yihang (Emily) Meng: After graduation, Emily goes off to develop her art skills, yet, one day, while painting, she finds inspiration from a lonely bird singing, and Emily too begins to sing. Her voice draws everyone in. She finds a way to combine that with a long time passion of hers: Barry Allen. She hits the street with her new "Flash the Musical". Only two years after high school, Emily becomes a millionaire and brings joy to everyone around her.

Clay Purkerson: After getting his degree in construction, Clay had multiple job offers. Being the compassionate man that he is, Clay instead chooses to take on a charity project: building Garrett Nokelby's "Hempton Inn". After numerous arguments, Clay was allowed to manage the project. Construction was going along as planned until everyone realized they hadn't budgeted for electricity or plumbing. At least Garrett will get a good deal on the utility bill.

Garrett Swantek: Throughout high school, Garrett had a constant feeling that no one appreciated his truck enough, so he did the only logical thing he could think of: he called Mrs. Hamer who is now a professional photographer. During the day-long photo shoot, Garrett fell not only further in love with his truck . . . but also with the camera. Last we knew, he was roaming through Wyoming and Montana living his dream as a boot model.

Bryce Krieger: After a few years of touring overseas with his alternative band, Your Mom's Mullet, Bryce comes back to the U.S. only to find Hunter in jail. Instead of bailing him out, Bryce discovers that this was the inspiration he needed to write and produce his biggest hit to date . . . a drums-only rendition of "Jailhouse Rock".

Jamie Myers: Jamie follows her dream to become a somewhat successful healthcare worker. After working briefly with people, she realized her true love was cats. Passion soon turns to obsession when she announces the creation of her Cat Whispering Academy. Kendyl hears of CWA and it becomes clear to her that Jamie has no talent for cat whispering but a distinct calling for cat collecting. Kendyl begs her to stop, but Jamie always replies with "I think this is what Jesus would want me to do."

Christopher Needham: Chris goes to Cedarville, as planned, and graduates with doctorate degrees in physics, aeronautics, and almost 30 other majors. Chris's perfect life is interrupted when he gets a call from the President of the United States. He hires Chris to be the official Drone-Hunter of the US. In just a matter of days, Chris eradicates all the drones in the world, and now passes his time chasing UFOs.

Xinpeng (Sam) Qu: Apparently no one told Sam he actually graduated because he continued to study day after day until Keith informed him that he now holds the Guinness Book of World Records for the most consecutive days of studying. Unfortunately, Sam was incredibly disappointed when he found out that being a world record holder was not a full-time job, and he couldn't retire at age 20.

Keith Wasomi: A week after graduation, Keith gets an email that tells him he has inherited \$20 million dollars. Being the kind, generous, and gullible person he is, Keith works hard to arrange for the entire Purkerson family to join him on an exotic Mediterranean cruise. Unfortunately, when they touch down in Madrid and realize they've all been scammed, the only alternative to earn their way back to America is either to join Your Mom's Mullet or start their own band. You may know them now as the Singing Wasomi & Sons.

Seth Hower: At a Calvary University basketball game, Seth is picked by a scout to play for the Nebraska Cornhuskers. He tells the coaches that he'll only accept on one condition: they must make him the team chaplain as well. Before long, not only is Nebraska basketball respected again, but it seems that everyone in the state becomes a Christian after attending a home game.

Grace Langemeier: The owners of Starbucks grew tired of their coffee business and yearned for retirement, so they picked their top customer to take over: Grace. After years of consuming venti iced caramel macchiatos, Grace is the world's top coffee expert. She partners with Kendyl and begins selling puppy chow flavored donuts to fund her Olympic volleyball tryout.

Garrett Nokelby: Garrett quickly finds that he was simply too smart to be a doctor, so he put his talents to better use. He dabbled in real estate and the culinary arts but eventually became the head coach for the Nebraska men's basketball team. Finally, he would be the boss of Seth. Garrett kept in touch with Kalob, who, in turn for season tickets, let Garrett star in a few episodes of his hit reality tv show.

Jordan Schnell: One day, while Jordan was conducting routine multinucleate cross-DNA profiling and analysis testing, she was alarmed to discover that Hunter, since the day he set foot on campus, had been doubling as a top-secret agent for Chris who needed intel on Central Nebraska drone activity. In recognition for her investigative skills, Alex Tribeck extends numerous invitations for her to be on Jeopardy, but she turns them down in order to concentrate fulltime on writing her new book, "How to Build Firewalls For Dummies".

Zihui (Johnny) Wu: Johnny skips college and decides to try out for the Husker cheerleading squad. The coaches were so amazed with his great gym skills that they promoted him to team captain. When Johnny was selected to dance for the halftime show at a home game, he knew he had to call in a favor from an old friend. So Professor Lu - the artist formerly known as Moses - quickly produces a remix of "Monster" for Johnny to perform.



Elijah Boersen
Caden Bokelman



Ethan Burdett
Elijah Green
Xavier Herman
Manida (Poko) Hongdilokkul
Gabe Huenefeld
Olivia Janssen
Cody Kaczor



Chaeyeong Lee
Connor Lovejoy
Carl Mundt
Aidan Pipher
Passapong (Fame) Punjoka
Pattara (Butter) Pujirayanyong
Tenny Sebek



Joshua Strong
Grant Stuhmer
Shelby Swanson
Lianyu (Leon) Tao
James Thomas
Xinying (Charlotte) Wang
Toby Zaruba





1. Joshua Strong (11) races Kaler Johansen (10) while Anh (Andrew) Nguyen (10), Passapong (Fame) Punpoka (11) and Caden Bokelman (11) cheer them on. During Spiritual Emphasis Day, e-groups had a chance to bond through competition.



2. Cody Kaczor (11), Aidan Pipher (11), Caden Bokelman (11), Elijah Green (11), Gabe Huenefeld (11), and Carl Mundt (11) show their school spirit during a homecoming week pep rally. Boys made up the majority of the Junior Class, outnumbering the girls 3 to 1.

3. Ethan Burdett (11), Aidan Pipher (11) and Tenny Sebek (11), full of jokes, work the counter at the Junior Concessions. The juniors had the joy and struggle of transitioning into the new concession stand in the gym addition. This proved an interesting task, as the firemarshall allowed them to use the new space but did not allow products to be stored there. They spent many hours hauling chips, candy, and sodas from room to room.

Juniors

Some may argue, especially the juniors, that one's junior year of highschool is one of the hardest. With looming college choices, ACT and SAT testing, more advanced classes, and taking control of the concession stand for home games, the juniors of NC stayed on their toes all year round, but they didn't let the added pressure of the year divide them. In fact, the opposite was true. **Tenny Sebek (11)** depicted the class of 2021 as "very diverse yet unified...getting along really well with very little drama". This year also saw the addition of two more international boys, **Liangyu (Leon) Tao (11)** and **Minh Anh (Vincent) Nguyen (11)**. These new members helped to connect the class even more.

Because of the small Senior Class and the great leadership qualities of the juniors, several students were asked to step up as e-group leaders. Meeting weekly with their e-groups after chapel and later meeting daily during the COVID-19 shut-down, leaders like **Shelby Swanson (11)** took their roles seriously. "Leading an e-group has pushed me to be an even better example for the younger girls and taught me how to lead better". The Junior Class has proven that they are ready to step up and finish their high school careers with grace and humility.



1) Row 1: Kaleb Morton (10), Ethan Merchant (10), Boxin Du (10), Daniel Musgrave (10), Stone Swantek (10) Row 2: Tabitha Seip (10), Chandra Davis (10), Molly Griess (10), Shelby McHargue (10), and Sidney McHargue (10). This group of sophomores volunteered at the Harvest Concert through singing, playing instruments, and serving refreshments. Although the Harvest celebration was slightly different this year, the community came together to worship the Lord through music and celebrate His faithfulness.



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Yaozhu (Charlie) Cheng
Chandra Davis

Boxin Du
Zachary Egeland
Dayton Falk
Jacob Frey
Molly Griess
Isaac Halbgewachs
Kaler Johansen



Lapon (Ken) Kaewvisit
Ho-Eun Lee
Wuyi (Link) Lin
Yufan Ma
Shelby McHargue
Sidney McHargue
Ethan Merchant



Kobe Morris
Kaleb Morton
Daniel Musgrave
Jonathan Needham
Anh (Andrew) Nguyen
Peter Paul
Nehemiah Peters



Tawinee (Tammy) Poongkumarn
Lizzy Powers
Tabitha Seip
Chantz Stuhmer
Stone Swantek
My (Kelly) Pham
Yixi (Tina) Wang





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2. **Yixi (Tina) Wang (10)** paints a little girl's face during the Family Fun Night in August. Wang was one of the dorm girls that volunteered to paint faces at the Fun Night, carrying on the tradition of many past dorm girls.

3. **Isaac Halbgewachs (10)** pushes **Ethan Merchant (10)** in a wheel chair for homecoming. Homecoming was a fun time for the sophomore class to bond, with most members of the class bringing out their creativity to coordinate oufits to fit the theme of each day.

4. **Tabitha Seip (10)** and **Molly Griess (10)** pose for the camera with a basketball after a basketball game. Seip and Griess were key players in many sports, but their close friendship was always noticeable on the court.

Sophomores

The Sophomore Class were an interesting bunch, but that type of ingenuity brought them the victory of Holiday day during Homecoming week. This day was designed for each class to dress up in a certain way for a holiday, and the sophomores had Thanksgiving. The class put together what they would be wearing and in the end got a reward by having a sweatpants day. They put a table in the hallway that was all decked out a Thanksgiving meal; they even brought food. But what brought them the most attention was the pillows they stuffed in their shirts to emphasize the food bellies that come after eating a Thanksgiving meal. All but a few were dressed out for this day, which helped bring them to victory. **Molly Griess (10)** said her favorite memory was "dressing up as a class in a Thanksgiving theme for homecoming and winning/ beating the seniors." Another unique thing about them was their love of poetry. One day while learning about poetry, **Ethan Merchant (10)** wrote classmate **Dayton Falk (10)** a poem about their bromance and performed it in front of the whole class. The sophomores were an amusing class and may seem inarticulate, but in the end, they have good intentions.

- Sidney McHargue (10)



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Tug Burdett



Amanda Carlson
Ethan Carlson
Micah Davis
Reghan Flynn
Micah Green
Isaac Herman
Sarah Klein



Gabe Langermeier
Truitt Merchant
Owen Morris
Marlie Mundt
Chelsey Myers
Jacob Nokelby
Drew Perdew



Elijah Peters
Not Pictured: Timothy Riley
Claire Pipher
Rachel Rathjen
Cooper Schnell
Riley Schreiber
Terry Sebek
Amy Springer



Sophie Swanson
Lily Tenorio
William Twogood
Makayla Wheeler
Malachi Wheeler
Maryah Wheeler
Malachi Zaruba





1. Most of the Freshman Class pose for a picture after the homecoming football game. This class of freshman was a close-knit group, supporting each other at games and performances

2. Amanda Carlson (9), Sarah Klein (9), and Makayla Wheeler (9) pose with a photobomber, Broderick Flynn (7), for a picture at a basketball game. Carlson welcomed newcomers, Klein and Wheeler, and the three became fast friends through common interests.

3. Jacob Nokelby (9), Gabe Langemeier (9), Riley Schreiber (9), Drew Perdew (9), and Terry Sebek (9) check in during the final minutes in the basketball game. Several of the freshmen boys played on the varsity basketball team, greatly impacting the team and its future.

4. Sophie Swanson (9) and Maryah Wheeler (9) head back to the court to play defense. Teams of all varieties helped to build friendships between students not only in the same grade, but also between upper and lower classmen.



Freshman

Newcomer or novice is the definition of freshman, which couldn't be closer to the truth for the class of 2023. Freshman year was an experience, filled with advancements in knowledge and amusement. The Freshman Class was on the larger side with 30 kids in total. Although big, they were a very close group. Some of their favorite times included making announcement slides for Computers class, having great fun in English class with **Miss Kaity Flynn**, and cracking jokes at lunch. As the famed Miss Kaity said, "I loved teaching this freshman class because they were so full of life. Although they can be so energetic, they were quick to turn that enthusiasm into good work and creative thinking!" This class came in like a bullet at the start of the year and finished it strong. For this class, we can look forward to the future of what they can accomplish in their lives.

- Terry Sebek (9)



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7th Grade:

Isabelle Brumbaugh
Isaiah Davis
Josiah Davis
Broderick Flynn
Jonah Green



Joshua Green
Oliver Herman
Vendell Juzyk
Ah-Rim Lee
Zander Merchant
Evelyn Poland
Alyssa Springer



8th Grade:

Graci Boersen
Alexandra Bruning
Adam Carlson
Caitlin Chiles
Gavin Falk
Rachel Hale
Zachary Huenefeld



Emily Johansen
Justin Maberry
Kylie Merchant
Grace Musgrave
Richie Musgrave
Amanda Needham
Mallory Paul



Micah Perdew
Hope Seip
Juliana Sidak
Faith Springer
Christian Strobel
Grace Strong
Hannah Swanson





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1. The Junior High delegation goes to the Merrick County Spelling Bee.

Left to right: **Caitlin Chiles (8)**, **Rachel Hale (8)**, **Kylie Merchant (8)**, **Richie Musgrave (8)**

Front: **Evelyn Poland (7)**

The whole junior high competed against each other to fill the four positions allotted to Nebraska Christian. The contestants and the alternate, Poland, competed with other junior high students from neighboring schools.

2. Zach Huenefeld (8) watches **Micah Perdew (8)** and **Christian Strobel (8)** run drills in football practice. Several high school students helped with each of the junior high sports, boosting the relationships between upper and lower classmen.



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3. The Junior High Choir performs several pieces for the Harvest Concert. Under the direction of **Mr. Mike Flynn**, the junior high students learned how to sing together, focusing on learning to listen to each other and blend their voices.

4. **Caitlin Chiles (8)**, **Amy Hildebrand (12)**, and **Emily Johansen (8)** spend time discussing the main sessions of Spiritual Emphasis Day. Although Spiritual Emphasis Day has been held in many different locations, the two days this year were both hosted by Heartland Evangelical Free Church.

Junior High

Transition was the name of the game for the junior high, with two years packed full of changes. From moving into the high school building from the elementary building, changing schools, or even just the learning curve of more advanced classes, teachers, and rooms, these students met every obstacle with grace. One of the biggest changes is the number of organized team opportunities, like sports, quiz bowl, 7-12 band, choir, robotics, and more. For **Broderick Flynn (7)**, one of his funniest memories was from joining band as a beginner and playing more wrong notes than right ones.

Although junior high can be a stressful time, part of what makes it fun is the competition. This year, the junior high took part in an academic competition hosted by Palmer Public Schools. Students competed in the areas of history, English, science, math, spelling, and quiz bowl. Nebraska Christian won many of the categories and represented the school with great poise. Though with the added competition, it makes sense that many students are full of anxiety about entering junior high. Flynn offers some advice for new 7th graders. "Reach out to other people and don't be in your own little bubble."



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Preschool:
Cora Chiles
Louise Clark

Josiah Flynn
Connor Franci
Jojo Green
Hudson Murphy
Stella Musgrave
Elijah Parde
Katelyn Zanger



Kindergarten:
Oliver Hekrdle
Simon Herman
Samuel Tonniges



First Grade:
Brinlee Galles
Gabriel Green
Charlotte Hale
Aubrey Krug



Bentley McHargue
Kaitlyn Musgrave
Bekah Rankin
Orrin Strong
Stetson Stuhmer
Will Zanger

Second Grade:
Rylee Amen



Ryan Berck
Caleb Dieckmann
Lily Franci
Spencer Hekrdle
Linus Herman
Lucy Perry

Third Grade:
Kaity Berck

1. **Bethany Needham (3)** pushes **Selah Perdew (3)** on a tire swing. The elementary took their annual trip to a pumpkin patch, serving to further cement friendships, such as this.

2. **Alexis Perry (6)** flies down the slide on a burlap sack. As leaders in the elementary, the 6th graders often had to be the example; sometimes it was the example of having fun.

Christian Jividen
Andy Juzyk
Bethany Needham
Caleb Paul
Selah Perdew
Caleb Peters
Ali Rayne Williams



Emma Zanger
Fourth Grade
Noah Creutzberg
Baron Falk
Caleb Huenefeld
Silas Johansen
Kaley Krug
Anisha McCray-Luce



Trev McHargue
Ava Merchant
Emily Perry
Fifth Grade
Abby Berck
David Chiles
Quentin Herman
Matthew Needham



Alexis Perry
Haddie Rankin
Sixth Grade
Olivia Bokelman
Ava Brumbaugh
David Carlson
Sheridan Falk
Julia Merchant



Brady Mieth
Alyssa Paul
Taytum Perdew
Hananiah Peters
Will Poland
Cal Seip
Not Pictured: Emma Riley



Elementary

From the tiny little pre-schoolers to 6th graders preparing to make the move to the high school building, the elementary building rang with the sound of laughter and learning. The students built on the foundation established by their families and churches, growing in knowledge and understanding of God while absorbing their other subjects. This year, high school and elementary teachers collaborated to bring their students together, though Botany class and **Miss Hannah Myers**' English Language Learning class. The ELL students hosted the elementary classes to share their cultures and festival celebrations, like **Matthew Needham's (5)** favorite memory, the Lunar New Year party. "We played some fun games and learned about what the international kids do for the holiday".

The elementary grew enough this year that the classes, which had been previously combined into two classrooms, required another division. The restructuring brought in a new teacher, **Mrs. Victoria Watson**, for 2nd and 3rd Grades. **Miss Amy Schreiber** chose to shake up her classroom of 4th, 5th, and 6th graders by introducing flexible seating, filling her room with standing desks, bean bags, traditional desks, tables, and other intriguing ways of learning and studying for the students. **Hananiah Peters (6)** explained, "My favorite place to study with flexible seating was the High Table because we could stand or sit whenever we wanted to". In this year of great change, the elementary showed their adaptability and great capacity for growth.



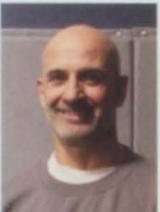
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Stacy Berck
Harold Cook



Curtis Cooper
Joshua Davis

Tom Dockweiler
Terry Elge
Andy Falk
Amy Fetterly
Dee Flynn
Kaity Flynn
Mike Flynn



Stephani Franci
David Gee
Donnie Halbgewachs
Karmen Hamer
Tim Hekrdle
Jody Heuermann
Larry Hoff



Daurice Hower
Steve James
Donna Janssen
Ronda Jividen
Renate Johansen
Scott Johnson
Gib Killion



Not pictured: Britta Landrigan
Kristy Langemeier
Deb Lovejoy
Maxine Madison
Clay Mankin
Jewel Marco
Amy Merchant
Karen Miotke



Tara Mundt
Juany Musgrave
Hannah Myers
Angela Needham
Carl Ostrand
Tonya Ostrand
Melissa Rankin



Becky Ritta
Robert Ritta
Susan Ritta
Lorenzo Santillan
Vonda Schnell
Amy Schreiber
Denise Schreiber

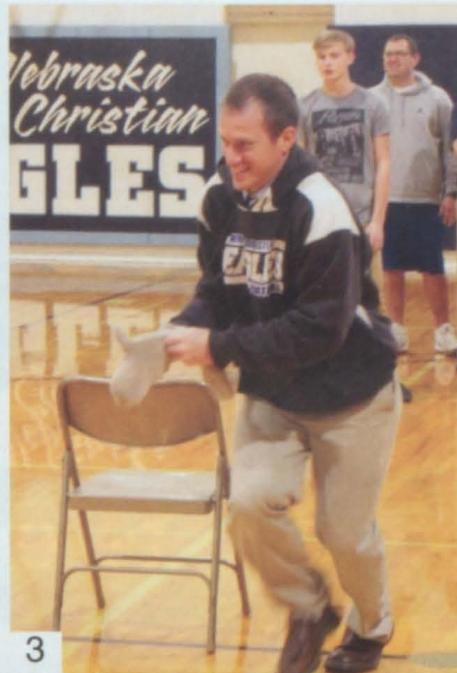


Larry Schreiber
Cheri Strong
Janice Stuhmer
Sarah Swanson
Victoria Watson
Patty Welk
Eric Zanger





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1. Mr. Gib Killion and Mr. Larry Schreiber set out snacks and water for the break between sessions at Spiritual Emphasis Day. Mr. Schreiber and Mr. Killion both served as department directors and often showed their servant leadership at school events by working behind the scenes.

2. Superintendent Mr. Tim Hekrdle and Communication Specialist Miss Becky Ritta pour over forms in the office. Miss Becky took on more responsibility in the communications department this year and worked closely with Mr. Hekrdle to keep the Nebraska Christian family up to date.



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3. Mr. Clay Mankin, supported by team mates Zach Egeland (10) and Coach Andy Perdew, races across the gym during a Student Council pep rally. The teachers were often called upon to participate in the StuCo events, in this case, trying to unwrap Christmas candies while wearing winter gloves or mittens.

4. Science teachers Mrs. Dee Flynn and Mrs. Tara Mundt turn to Scripture as they lead a discussion panel with several other teachers at the Spring Spiritual Emphasis Day. This Spiritual Emphasis Day was discussing Creation and the scientific refutation of Evolution. The main speaker brought a lot of material that was new and challenging, but he helped to spur a great discussion between the teachers and students and in e-groups.

Faculty and Staff

Remembering back on the year, the teachers and staff had the most opportunity to minister to and evangelize the students here at Nebraska Christian. Every teacher, four days a week, strived to uplift and educate the younger generation through both academic and spiritual instruction, building up students in the way God would desire. Starting this year were Mrs. Juana Musgrave (Spanish), Ms. Victoria Watson (2nd and 3rd Grade), and Ms. Hannah Myers, the new dorm mom for the girl's dormitory. To oversee the teachers this year were Mr. Falk, the new highschool head teacher, and Miss Schreiber, the new elementary head teacher, as all of the teachers strived to provide a quality education laced with equally solid Biblical principles. Over the course of the years, Mr. Flynn, our fabulous band teacher, actually produced arrangements for the band that reflected NC's Christ-centered focus through God honoring music. Restoring His will and other Biblical principles to the school was the primary focus of this year, as it was last year, and will continue to be as the school moves forward, keeping the Creator in the forefront of their minds as teachers instruct students about His very creation. Each teacher took the opportunity to make an impact on a student's life throughout the year, both spiritually, relationally, and educationally.

- Timothy Riley (9)

Academic

Christ-Centered Academics

This 2019-2020 school year has embraced many new advances. For example, we have added Core Values, a buddy system, and a change to the e-group system. These changes have opened up lots of doors for students that they may not have been able to explore earlier. This year, e-groups have been condensed in size to help students open up to their fellow peers. It opened up opportunities for people who may not normally talk and gave a chance for students to mentor other students. In addition, the buddy system was designed "for students to get to know other students whom they probably don't hang out with during a normal school day... to get [them] out of their comfort zones," says Head Teacher **Andy Falk**.

The addition of Core Values added a variety of other things including service hours and student-led conferences. One of the core values is being Service Minded, and with the addition of service hours, both in the community and at school, it helps students to get in the mindset of serving others. Two of the other core values are Relationally Focused and Collaborative Approach, which encouraged students, teachers, and staff to work together to help educate each other. Student-led Conferences were birthed from these Core Values. These conferences were created in order to help students and teachers to work together in a collaborative way. All these changes were created to help accomplish Nebraska Christian's end goal: to provide a Christ-Centered education.

- Sidney McHargue (10)



1. Mrs. Dee Flynn teaches elementary students about plants and their importance. The Botany program has continued to grow since its inception four years ago.



2. Marlie Mundt (9) explains her Rube Goldberg project to the class. Building Rube Goldberg machines was among the favorite labs students participated in.

Overview

Bible Classes



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Bible class strengthens your faith and continues to build upon your foundation. It is a time either to restore your walk with God or continue to grow in faith. **Mr. Mankin**, who teaches the 7th grade Bible class said, "The way that Proverbs builds on students' foundation of faith is that it continually points us back to God for wisdom because God gives wisdom, so we must seek it in Him." Bible class began the day and reminded students to stay focused on God. One of **Mr. Falk's** favorite truths to share is "how a totally undeserving and sinful person can have the unattainable righteousness of God's Son given freely to them so they can have their sins removed and be adopted into the family of God forever".

Bible classes impacted students for the better, often changing someone's worldview and sticking with them for the rest of their life. **Amy Springer (9)** shared one of her most influential take-aways. "A lesson that has stuck with me is all the verses that we take out of context. It taught me to look at the Bible as it is and not as I want it to be". Bible was a great time over this year to intensify and strengthen the relationships students have with God, their Savior.

- Chandra Davis (10)

3. Mr. Gib Killion teaches the International Bible class as the students listen carefully. Mr. Killion's class went over the major accounts in the Bible so that new International students can become familiar with them.

What is your favorite part about the book of Proverbs?



My favorite part of Proverbs is learning all the wisdom in it.

- Gavin Falk (8)



I love Proverbs because it is full of truthful lessons and wisdom.

- Evelyn Poland (7)



My favorite part of Proverbs is that it applies to everyone. No one can deny that they need wisdom because it applies to all of us.

- Caitlin Chiles (8)



My favorite part is Proverbs 27:1. I like it because we may die tomorrow or tonight. We don't know, so we should not boast in things we do not know are true.

- Josiah Davis (7)

2. The participants in Math Day at UNL this year. Front to back, left to right; Row 1: Yixi (Tina) Wan (10), Yihang (Emily) Meng (12), Talia Parlane (12), Anh (Andrew) Nguyen (10), Clay Purkerson (12). Row 2: Christopher Needham (12), Xinpeng (Sam) Qu (12), Keith Wasomi (12), Nehemiah Peters (10), Yaozhu (Charlie) (10) Cheng, Yufan Ma (10).

1. Yihang (Emily) Meng (12), Christopher Needham (12), and Yaozhu (Charlie) (10) Cheng, smile at the camera as they await to take their tests on Math Day. Depending on how they did, they could earn a scholarship.



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"God created math. He created it without putting any real thought into it as far as He would just know how it would work, and every part of it works exactly how it should," says math teacher, Mr. Falk. Teaching math with this approach, as well as the opportunity to take calculus during senior year, made our math program unique.

There were also options outside of the classroom to practice math concepts, such as Math Day, where juniors, seniors, and some sophomores thought outside the box and applied math in a different setting. They competed with other students around the state and saw where they ranked in comparison. One opportunity planned for elementary and junior high students was Pi day, a chance for them to get out of the classroom for an afternoon. Pi Day was intended to help these younger students see math in a positive light and give the older students an opportunity to practice their leadership and teaching skills; however, COVID-19 had its own way and the event was cancelled. Through learning in the classroom and practicing at home, students saw that math reflects the order and logic of God's creation.

- Chandra Davis (10)

Making It Count



Math

Science

A Good Experiment

Most of the time when science is mentioned, people think of scientists in a lab doing experiments; however, there are many different aspects of science. In the 2019-2020 school year, students took a variety of science classes. **Mrs. Tara Mundt** taught two of these while **Mrs. Dee Flynn** taught five.

Chemistry is the only science class that involved students conducting chemical experiments. Other science classes completed different kinds of interesting projects, such as Rube Goldbergs, roller coasters, and dissections. Junior High Life Science learned about genetics and completed three small dissections. Sophomore Biology dissected frogs and jellyfish. Freshman Physical Science created roller coasters and designed Rube Goldberg contraptions to learn about types of machines. In physics, students studied motion and energy, doing lots of labs. Anatomy and physiology had the opportunity to do various advanced dissections, such as different body parts of sheep, cows, and pigs.

Although the activities in the science classes were distinct from each other, the students all learned various important aspects of science during the school year.

-Marlie Mundt (9)

Botany

Unlike other science classes, botany class provided students with real world experience through working at a greenhouse. Students also researched different types of plants and learned about landscaping and hydroponics. This year, the botany class started many plants from seed or transplant, everything from poinsettias and african violets, to prairie plants, vegetables, and flowers. Upper elementary students got the chance to understand botany by planting in the greenhouse. Students were growing in the classroom at the same time as the growth of plants. **Ms. Amy Schreiber** said, "Our goal was to connect our school with all grade levels in some form. We have a great opportunity to do this through the greenhouse here on campus. The high school botany class meets with our 4th-6th graders twice a month to do hands-on learning with the plants. Not only does it spark interest in our younger students but allows our older students to develop their learning in such a way to teach and educate the elementary students".

- Zihui (Johnny) Wu (12)

4. **Xinying (Charlotte) Wang (11)** teaches elementary students about cutting African Violet leaves. Botany students got a chance to lead a group of elementary



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3. Tug Burdett (9) and Micah Davis (9) show off their roller coasters in physical science. Both science teachers were intentional in making science hands-on, utilizing experiments in the lab and through technology.



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Industrial Technology

Learning Hands-On

At Nebraska Christian, the industrial technology classes taught skills that can be used not only for creative hobbies but also for jobs later in life. Industrial tech encompassed several classes all taught by **Mr. David Gee**. These classes, ranging from Electronics and 3D Printing to Manufacturing 1 and 2, were studied through a mix of book and project-based learning. These projects were different for every class, and all taught important life skills. For example, Manufacturing 2 learned how to use several tools, such as drills, and skills, like welding, possibly the most useful skill to be learned in this area of industrial tech. Many of the class projects were things that students can keep and use, like the checkerboards built in Manufacturing 1. Other projects were things used around campus such as the bridge, built by the Construction Systems class to replace the old bridge that was destroyed by flooding on campus. Although shop classes are often overlooked, Mr. Gee has shown the usefulness of the program and skills learned in it, and the program continues to grow.

- James Thomas (11)



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1. The new bridge built by Construction Systems crosses the ditch by the practice football field. Although the ditch is usually dry, in the past two years, copious amounts of rain have flooded the school campus. The old rickety foot bridge was washed away after a series of heavy rainstorms.

1. The new bridge built by Construction Systems crosses the ditch by the practice football field.



2. **Peter Paul (10)** uses a grinder to shape a metal mounting bracket. Mr. Gee made sure that his classes were valuable to any who took them, giving real life skills that played well with the interests of those who took his classes. With Mr. Gee's retirement, students, like Paul, are going to miss Mr. Gee's unique teaching style and willingness to grow with his students.

3. Molly Griess (10), Daniel Musgrave (10), and Chelsey Myers (9) wait for the bilingual church service to begin. The Spanish class went to Kearney, Nebraska in the fall to experience a church service in English and Spanish and to eat some Mexican food.

4. Yihang (Emily) Meng (12), Yufan Ma (10), and Liangyu (Leon) Tao (11) teach some elementary students about Chinese New Year. The international students had many opportunities to share about their cultures with other students.



5. Brady Mieth (6) smiles for the camera while Yixi (Tina) Wang (10) writes some Chinese characters on his paper. Miss Myers' collaborative spirit helped to deepen connections between students from all over the globe both in her ELL classes and out.



Spanish

Spanish class helped to break the bonds of cultural differences. Those involved in the class were taught the Hispanic culture while learning the language. The Spanish class participated in skits and stories to bring the language to life. They also traveled to a bilingual church in Kearney during the fall to practice their Spanish skills and worship with them. Another fun event took place when they went to El Agave, the Mexican restaurant in town, for lunch. The class ordered in Spanish, enjoyed eating delicious food, and asked the waiter questions about himself. A student shared that "Spanish class is fun because **Mrs. Juany Musgrave** is always absolutely thrilled when they show her that they learned something new, which makes them want to learn more". Spanish class was a great way for students at Nebraska Christian to know more about a different people group's background.

- Chandra Davis (10)

This year's ELL was made up of more students and more interesting activities. For ELL teacher **Miss Hannah Myers**, another year took a lot of effort and love to teach international students; just like Miss Myers said: "I choose ELL because I love being the first person to teach a student something new about American culture. I learn and understand more of the world because my students also teach me different cultures! ELL is way more than just teaching reading, writing, listening, and speaking English. It's also a way that I can speak truth and light into the lives of students who have not usually been around true Christians!" Those students learned how to use and speak daily English. In the class, they built more relationships with classmates and the teacher. The international students continued learning American culture and shared their own country's knowledge with the class.

This year's ELL class is colorful and fun. But at the same time, there were some challenges for Miss Myers. "The hardest part is that I teach the people I live with. I see my students 24/7 so I can know them deeply and have wonderful relationships. This is also only my second year of teaching so I'm still designing my curriculum and learning how to be a good teacher. Doing all that on top of learning how to be a young mom has been hard! I'm glad that my students are generous and patient with me".

- Pencheng (Moses) Lu (12)

English Language Learning

World

Languages

Language

Arts

English

English has evolved over time and still continues to develop as the times change. Teachers **Karmen Hamer** and **Kaitly Flynn** tried to best capture students' attention through these advances. Students journied back in time through the reading of poetry and short stories of famous old writers but also looked forward into the future with essays and resumes. Students, during English class, showed their creativity through stories and the various essays they wrote. The classes got to participate in the many different activities, like the Sophomore class, who had a March Madness poetry contest. The students all picked out their favorite poem and had a tournament to figure out who had the best poem. Mrs. Hamer, who has been teaching here since 2014, said her favorite thing about teaching English "always has been the moment when students "get it" - the "Aha!" moments when some concept clicks". English is a way of expressing yourself through the words you write.

- Sidney McHargue (10)



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A Women's Perspective

Miss Kaitly Flynn led "A Woman's Perspective", a class where women came together to discuss Scripture, share prayer requests, read from iconic Christian authors, and ultimately grow closer to Christ. With only three students in this year's class, it allowed for a strong community of trust, advice, and encouragement. **Tenny Sebek (11)** shared that this class has been meaningful to her because it "allows us to really be more open with one another, and to get to know one another on a deeper level". Although their plans were cancelled due to the Covid-19 situation, the "A Woman's Perspective" class was planning on hosting a breakfast fundraiser for the Collage Center in Grand Island. **Jamie Myers (12)** describes the impact of the Collage Center, saying that it "is a privately-funded organization who performs free ultrasounds for pregnant women [and]... counseling for anyone who has been affected by an abortion". It is very evident that "A Woman's Perspective" impacted both the students enrolled and the surrounding community.

- Jordan Schnell (12)

1. The Sophomore Class listens to **Curt Cooper** as he talks about the cowboy poetry he's written. The sophomores learned how to write poetry during part of the year.

2. **Kendyl Jividen (12)** (left) and **Jamie Myers (12)** (right) participate in a class discussion on their way to a college visit. Little did the "A Women's Perspective" class know that they were getting practice for the social distancing measures later put in place!



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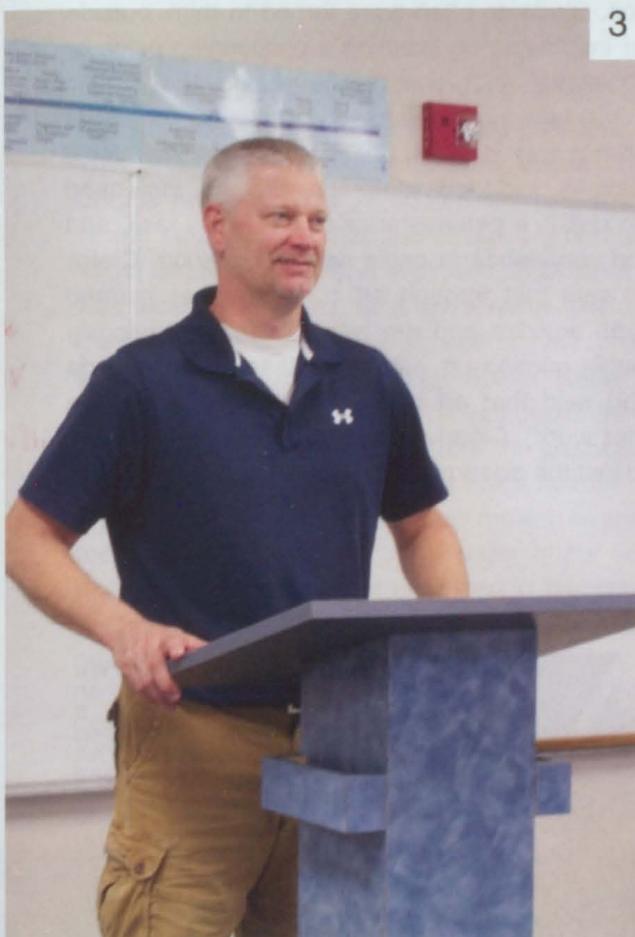
Men of Vision

In Men of Vision, students learned how to apply Biblical doctrine, be a godly man, and face the challenges of the college environment. They went through books by Christian authors, breaking down their wisdom, like "What He Must Be" by Voddie Baucham Jr. to learn how to live a biblically defined life and what to look for in a spouse. I asked Mr. Ostrand about why people should take the class and he answered, "the main benefit for young men who take Men of Vision is to be presented with biblical training regarding the roles of men in the family and the church. We use a variety of resources including: Scripture, sermons, various books, and teaching by mature leadership in the church. Typically the class size is smaller which allows for greater discussion and questions regarding content covered." This class has been a foundational block in people's lives and will continue to give students the meaning of being a man.

- Terry Sebek (9)

3. Mr. Carl Ostrand looks like he is teaching a class. After the Covid-19 pandemic shut down in-person classes, Ostrand continued to teach social study classes from his classroom on Zoom.

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Social study classes are one of the most crucial classes at NC. Students have to take social study classes from seventh grade to senior year. Students study from Adam and Eve to WWII, from the Renaissance to the Cold War, and from old monarchies to American government.

Both **Mr. Clay Mankin** and **Mr. Carl Ostrand** used review games to strengthen the students' knowledge in order to prepare for upcoming tests. **Isaac Herman (9)** explained, "I love the review games, you learn a lot without even trying to by being competitive and having fun with your classmates". Mr. Mankin said, "As a Christian, it is important to study history since history gives us understanding of God and of the world around us".

- Zihui (Johnny) Wu (12)

It's HIS Story

Social

Studies

Art



Art Class

Students Experience Artistic Growth In and Out of the Classroom

For many students, art class was not only a welcome break in the school day, but also an opportunity to grow as a person. Students often were forced to think outside the box for inspiration on finishing a challenging piece or fixing a "mistake" that was made during the artistic process. This type of problem-solving typical to artists aided them not only in class, but in real life as well. Real life applications included attributes like an increased attention to detail, a perseverance to finish any task, and a newfound confidence in one's decision making. **Claire Pipher (9)** said that through art class she has learned "how to grab an idea and run with it" versus previously having trouble coming up with new ideas, and **Amanda Carlson (9)** said that art class "has helped her to be brave in her work". Clearly, the benefits of art extended far beyond just the classroom.

- Jordan Schnell (12)



1. **Zihui (Johnny) Wu (12)** designs an animation during a UNK Art Imagination Day session. This event gave Wu and other seniors the opportunity to experience new art mediums that they had not yet worked with.

2. **Bryce Krieger (12)** diligently works on a holiday themed clay printing project at the UNK Art Imagination Day. Krieger enjoyed this art trip and believed it represented how fun art can be.

3. Nebraska Christian art seniors and other high school students huddle inside a plastic structure they created at the UNK Art Imagination Day. Students had to decide which stations they were most interested in attending.

4. The cast of "The Adventures of Charlie Moriarty" embody their characters for a photo shoot. This small group of characters worked together to first write, then breathe life into their character.

5. Mrs. Karmen Hamer offers suggestions on how to highlight a character so their notable characteristics are evident through a photo. Hamer helped the students develop the play and coached them not only on the writing of the play, but in the staging and costume design.



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Drama, here we go again. The 2019-2020 drama class was a small class with 7 members in total plus **Mrs. Karmen Hamer**. This year, they performed a show called "The Adventures of Charlie Ann Moriartay", a show that appeared to be full of logic on the surface yet turned out to be very dramatic. It was a story about Sherlock Holmes (performed by **Cooper Schnell (9)**) who was investigating Charlie, a blackmailer (performed by **Amanda Carlson (9)**), and ended up stalking her until she was finally killed by Irene (performed by **Sarah Klein (9)**). There were definitely more characters, and each one of them did very well.

Carrying on the tradition from the past couple of years, the drama was written by each and every member of the class. The drama students did a great job in making every action and quote memorable. Klein said, "My favorite quote would be 'That's a quote'!" All the lively performances in the show attracted more people to come on to the stage and show themselves to the audience.

-Yaozhu (Charlie) Cheng (10)

For the Dramatically Inclined

Drama



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Today, popular music takes on many different forms. It can have lyrics or be instrumental, strings or brass, slow or quick, pop or rap, catchy or completely terrible but still popular. Many different sounds, many different styles, but they are all forms of music for our enjoyment. Of all of these genres and types, we at NC use music as a method of glorifying and praising God, the very Creator of music and beauty. Then, we can use this music to, not only praise, but also to evangelize as students and the community come and hear our exaltation of Christ and inquire as to why we dedicate our music and lyrics as such. Here, it is the students who compose our band, a band which plays everything from jazz, to pep songs, to classical, to musicals, all under the guidance of **Mr. Mike Flynn**. Year after year we have had band, and every year there are also many instruments and many notes, but in music, they all come together to glorify our Creator.

- Timothy Riley (9)

Worshiping through Music

BAND

Choir

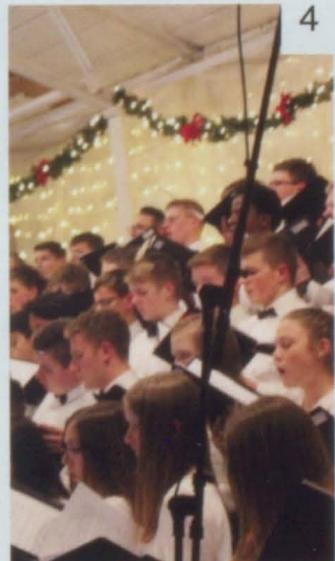
A Joyful Noise

Music is a way to connect us all; it can move us to tears or bring joy into our day. Singing can make a huge impact in people's lives. "Singing and music has drawn me closer to God and reinforced biblical truths in my mind," says **Olivia Janssen (11)**. During choir class, students were able to develop a better understanding of the God who made these melodies. Nebraska Christian has always had outstanding music teachers, one of whom is **Mr. Mike Flynn**. Mr. Flynn has been teaching at Nebraska Christian since 2005 and has taught some phenomenal students. He says his favorite part about teaching choir is that "it has the power to touch hearts for the gospel and at a minimum we can one day sing in that heavenly choir. Many of our students will go on and be worship singers or teachers and music will be something they can use for the rest of their lives... As believers, we have a reason to sing that is more powerful than a secular school choir."

Keith Wasomi (12) and **Clay Purkerson (12)** were honored to be selected out of 3,000 musicians to represent Nebraska Christian in the Nebraska All-State Chorus, with **Talia Parlane (12)** selected as alternate. Wasomi said his favorite part about All-State was, "Knowing that I was surrounded by people who were passionate about music, and so not only was the performance fun, but the rehearsals too". Music inspires and connects us together, but most importantly, it connects us to God.

- Sidney McHargue (10)

4. The Nebraska Christian Choir sings during the Festival of Lessons and Carols. The festival has been going on annually for fourteen years.



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5. **Mike Flynn** conducts the Nebraska Christian Choir during the Harvest Concert. Flynn has been teaching at NC since 2005



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6. During the Festival of Lessons of Carols **Clay Purkerson (12)** and **Talia Parlane (12)** sing together during "Behold Our God". This song has become a staple at NC for the past few years because of its epic layering, orchestration, and message.

COVID-19

Pandemic

What aspects of your life have been restored due to the Coronavirus?

"My family grew closer during COVID-19 when we could all sit down at the table to eat and talk together; usually, a sibling is at a sports practice or event."

- Hananiah Peters (6)

"My walk with Christ is being renewed because the virus has given me the chance to look at everything in a different light. My family has also been restored because we have more time together rather than just running from place to place with each other. My bank account has been restored because of the more time I have to work!"

- Chandra Davis (10)

In one sentence, how would you describe online learning?

"When learning online, you get as much out as you put in; self-discipline is key!"

- Jamie Myers (12)

"I did not like it very much, and if we have to do it again next year, I am adopting the Amish ways where schooling is finished after 8th grade."

- Tug Burdett (9)

COVID-19 Facts

How did the virus start?

Although there were numerous theories about the origin of the virus, the consensus was that the virus began from the consumption of an undercooked exotic animal.

Where in the world was affected?

Essentially every continent and country experienced the novel coronavirus. This virus hospitalized many and hurt the economy.

What changes made life so abnormal?

Citizens were asked to keep six feet of distance from others, and to not meet in groups larger than ten people. Schools and churches transitioned to online learning, and many people lost their jobs.

When did social distancing take place?

Social distancing took place during the majority of the fourth quarter, beginning in March for the state of Nebraska. It is unknown at this time how long the regulations will stay.

Remote Learning

With the onset of the coronavirus pandemic, Nebraska Christian sought to wisely respond to this unprecedented circumstance. Near the beginning of the fourth quarter, the administration decided to move school from the classroom to the home via online learning. Remote schooling was conducted through Zoom video conferences, Google Classroom, and other online learning tools. Teachers and students alike adjusted to this new school environment, and although the situation was not ideal, everyone did their part to facilitate the experience. Nebraska Christian adopted this learning style in an effort to love the vulnerable in the community who may be susceptible to the more serious effects of the virus. Although this period of social separation was difficult, Nebraska Christian aimed to honor God with each and every decision.

-Jordan Schnell (12)



Teams

Better Together

In 2019-2020, Nebraska Christian carried on their rich tradition of the typical NCAA sports, club sports, and a variety of teams and groups. All of these team opportunities provided a way for students to push themselves physically, and at the same time, grow in character with challenges that come with working closely together. **Reghan Flynn (9)** said, "My favorite memory from volleyball is our home game beating Fullerton! Before the game we were all just laughing and it was so much fun to just see all of us come together." From robotics, to wrestling, to drama to football, there is one thing in common: an opportunity to play God's way. All of the coaches and sponsors encouraged students to be God-honoring in their attitudes, in how they dealt with their teammates, and in how they interacted with other schools, restoring a focus on being ambassadors of Christ.

This year also saw notable coaching changes with the addition of new head coaches in football, volleyball, boys basketball, and boys soccer. Additionally, Athletic Director Larry Schreiber announced his retirement in the spring after 41 years of service at Nebraska Christian. Schreiber's role as director helped to bolster original sports teams and activities while fostering new team opportunities. One other notable change this year came in March when Nebraska Christian had to close its physical doors due to the pandemic. This caused several events to be cancelled and many competitors mourning the loss of their spring seasons. However, with the shutdown came the opportunity to restore rest and family out of the usual busyness of spring. Teams, like many other aspects of life at NC, rest in a balance of new and old, traditional and progressive, in the world but not of it.



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Overview



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1. The Junior High Quiz Bowl team shows off their winning bracket. This team saw many successes at their competition, often pulling off a "W".

2. The Girls Basketball team shows good sportsmanship and their focus on Christ by inviting the opposing team to pray together after a game. The other sports also take this stance at the end of their games, with this simple act serving as a reminder that everything we do, we do for the Lord.



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3. The Freshman and Sophomore Robotics team poses in their themed costumes at a competition. This team learned a lot throughout their season and took on more challenges than last year, like writing some of their own code and building many of the parts of their robot.

4. The Nebraska Christian Eagles clash with the Palmer Tigers at Palmer's home field. The Eagles, under the new head coach, **Andy Falk**, had a great season full of growth and strong team building.

Volleyball

In the past, Nebraska Christian's volleyball team has exceeded all expectations, and this year was no different. With having gone to the Nebraska State Tournament the past two years and replacing a very accomplished coaching staff as well as four key seniors, the team had a lot of rebuilding to do. In spite of all the challenges, the team exceeded all expectations and fought hard to the end. The leadership of the now-graduated players has helped the seniors take on those same roles this year. **Kendyl Jividen (12)** said, "Watching them step up and making big plays during games helped me to be that person". The team had a great season, making it all the way to the district final game but fell short to Giltner in four sets. The Lady Eagles fought all the way to the finish, even if it wasn't the way they wanted it to end. Due to an injury, **Tabitha Seip (10)** wasn't able to play in some of the last games, but **Elizabeth Powers (10)** and Jividen stepped up and played in place of Seip. There were nine freshmen and six sophomores, and out of those, five were new to the school. Playing volleyball is a way for them to make new friends and grow closer to previous ones. This year's team had many accomplishments, but the one thing they will never forget is the unbreakable bonds between teammates.

—Sidney McHargue (10)



1. **Kendyl Jividen (12)** passes the ball as teammate **Tabitha Seip (10)** looks on. Both Seip and Jividen were key players in this year's season.



2. **Tabitha Seip (10)** tips the ball over the net to the other team, hoping for a kill. Seip majorly contributed in the front and backrow, but due to an injury was not able to finish out the year.

3. **Shelby McHargue (10)** and teammate **Molly Griess (10)** set an insurmountable block against the opposing team. McHargue and Griess played a huge role in the team's defensive blocking.

4. **Grace Langemeier (12)** passes the ball to the awaiting setter while teammates **Stephanie Strobel (12)** and **Kendyl Jividen (12)** follow behind to ensure a perfect pass. Langemeier, Strobel, and Jividen were the only seniors on this year's volleyball team.



What was your favorite moment of this season?



"Creating new friendships with the team and being able to compete for the Lord."

- Chelsey Myers (9)



"One of my favorite games was the Humphrey St. Francis game when I broke the school record for most kills in a game, 37."

- Grace Langemeier (12)

Football



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What was your favorite moment of this season?



"My favorite memory this season is when **Keith Wasomi** (12) made a great catch for a touchdown."

- Isaac Halbwachs (10)



"My favorite memory this season is when **Seth Hower** (12) laid on the defense player of Heartland Community."

- Malachi Wheeler (9)



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Boys

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Hard work and determination were two words the boy's cross country team worked to embody throughout their season. All of the runners had to put forth effort, and when they did, it showed. The freshman runners worked hard as well, especially out of season. **Malachi Zaruba (9)** had the most miles over the summer with 240 miles. **Riley Schreiber (9)** and **Truitt Merchant (9)** were not far behind, with 200 miles.

Garrett Nokelby (12) not only led in times in all the meets and qualified for state, but he has been running cross country for 6 years. His favorite part of it all was "being with friends through the hard workouts and competing with the best of the best. Going to state was also a favorite because it was such an accomplishment getting to a place you worked so hard for". The other senior on the team, **Clay Purkerson (12)**, persevered and improved in his 3 years of Cross Country. **Purkerson's** biggest accomplishment was lettering all 3 years, and his favorite part was "seeing all my friends and myself improve though our hard work".

All of the hard work and determination eventually paid off for the boy's cross country team winning several meets, including Conference. At the conference meet, the boys were 6 of the top 9 finishers.

- Marlie Mundt (9)

Favorite meet?



"My favorite meet was the Hastings St. Cecelia meet where it was cold and wet. All of the Varsity runners placed and we won the meet."
-Chantz Stumer (10)

"My favorite meet was the Albion meet. It was my best meet with my best time, and the big hill at the end was fun and challenging.
-Yaozhu (Charlie) Cheng (10)



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1. **Truitt Merchant (9)** endures the heat in the middle of the team's popsicle run. He worked hard to set a record time for himself, as the popsicle run was the same distance as his future competitions.

2. **Ethan Carlson (9)** and **Tug Burdett (9)**, both concentrating and engaging in their run, stay with each other. Burdett and Carlson often run with each other so they could push each other to run harder.

3. After the Hastings St. Cecelia meet, the rainiest meet of the season, the high school boys take a picture. Despite the weather, the boys persevered and won the meet.

4. In the second mile of the popsicle run, **Ethan Merchant (10)**, **Josh Strong (11)**, and **Kaler Johanson (10)** all run hard as they work to run their best. Coach Johnson encourages the team to have a mindset of pursuing an ultimate goal ; giving your all for Christ.

Country

Girls

Favorite practice?



"My favorite practice was when we did fartlek runs on the ball field without our shoes on!"
- Rachel Rathjen (9)



"My favorite practice was our sprint workouts!"
- Talia Parlane (12)



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The girls cross country team faced many hardships throughout their runs. Enduring the heat, wind, and hills, the girls had to have a solid strength of mind. The girls endured 7 meets throughout the season. According to **Manida (Poko) Hongdilokkul (11)**, the hardest was "Conference at Fullerton because there were a lot of hills".

With the help of one goal, the team endured the season. The goal of the team was to glorify God in their running and competition. Through all of these challenges, there was a lot to be learned. **Amanda Carlson (9)** said, "It has taught me endurance and strength of mind. I've also made some really good friendships through the long distance runs".

At the end of the day, the girls cross country team grew stronger together. They encouraged each other and they received encouragement from their coaches and teammates. **Coach Scott Johnson** and Rick did this intentionally, talking to the team before all of their runs about how to glorify God.

- Marlie Mundt (9)



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8. Olivia Jansen (11) and Rachel Rathjen (9) push each other at the end of their first race. When two girls had about the same pace, they pushed each other in races.

7. Shelby Swanson (11) works hard to pass her competitor at the Central City meet. Swanson was crucial on the team and led in times in all of the meets.

Girls

Basketball



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1. **Tenny Sebek (11)** looks ahead while dribbling the basketball. Sebek was a big leader on this year's team and contributed in many ways on and off the court.



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2. **Shelby Swanson (11)** shoots the ball past the defender. Swanson was one of the two juniors on this year's team and led the team with Sebek.

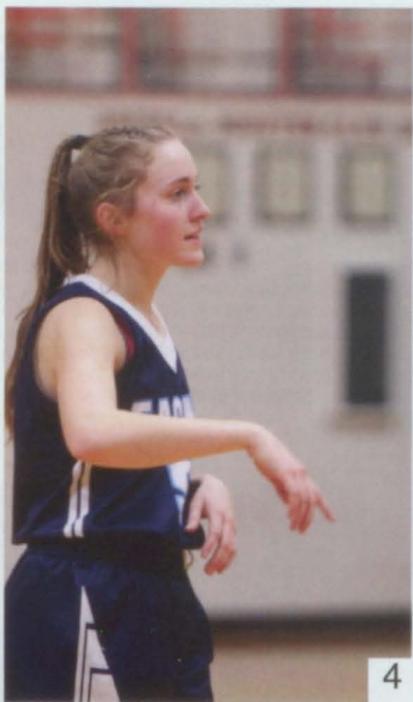


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3. **Marlie Mundt (9)** smiles widely while getting low on defense. Mundt was always a great encourager on and off the court.



4. **Shelby McHargue (10)** points something out to another player to help describe the next play. McHargue was a key player in this year's team, even with an injury at the beginning of the season.



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- Sidney McHargue (10)

Favorite Memory?



"My favorite memory from basketball was after the Wood River game. It was a hard earned victory, and the team was jubilant."
- Claire Pipher (9)



"My favorite memory was the Wood River game. It was super high intensity and the team really came together and we all worked our hardest."
- Shelby McHargue (10)

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Boys



The 2019-2020 basketball season for NC was a time for older students to encourage and lead. As practices and games passed, the team pushed each other and had the same goal: to glorify God through their effort. **Seth Hower (12)** said, "As a senior, I saw a group of guys who truly loved the sport of basketball and wanted to put in the work to get better". As Head Coach **Andy Perdew** and Assistant Coach **Drew Schreiber** worked the team through wins and losses, the team members have not just learned knowledge and skills but great lessons for their lives.

It was also an opportunity for younger students to grow and learn. This year, half of the Varsity team was comprised of freshmen players. As **Isaac Herman** (9) said, "being young, I was taught a lot of things by the coaches and leaders on our team". These young men accomplished their own goals by being responsible for every practice and game. When confronted by difficulties, they chose to face them with their effort and their faith in Christ. They became, not just physically, but mentally stronger.

- Yaozhu (Charlie) Cheng (10)



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5. **Drew Perdew** (9), driving toward the basket, makes a successful layup. Perdew is a very talented basketball player. He was a starter on the varsity team and worked hard to keep that position.

6. **Dayton Falk (10)** dribbles the ball down the half court. Falk loved playing on the home court because his family and friends could all watch.

7. **Seth Hower** (12) reaches for the jump ball at the beginning of a game. Hower was a great team leader and will continue his basketball career at Calvary University.

8. Elijah Boersen (11) gives a high-five to Riley Schreiber (9). Through hard work and games, team members have built their own brotherhood with each other.

Favorite Memory?



"My favorite part of the season was definatly the Osceola game when we won it. I've never felt that good after a game before".

"My favorite time of the season was our holiday tournament. It was a lively environment, and we had the chance to play teams we wouldn't normally face".
- Aidan Pipher (11)

1. Carl Mundt (11) and Elijah Green (11), the 2020 State Wrestling Qualifiers, head to the meet after the send off. Mundt and Green have wrestled together since elementary, and their hardwork showed with their success at State.

2. Micah Green (9) works to get in a better position of his opponent. Green got injured mid-season but came back strong at districts.

3. The wrestling team takes a break in between rounds on the mat at Newman Grove. Even though the team wrestled individually, the team encouraged each other on and off the mat.

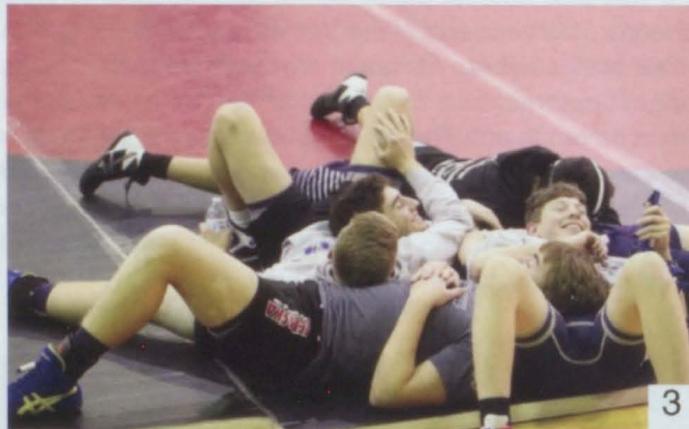
4. Stone Swantek (10) works to hold a pin in one of his matches. As the year went on, Swantek improved his skills and helped in team points at meets.

Lessons can be learned in many ways. The 2019-2020 wrestling team proved this to be true. Through wins and losses, the team has learned perseverance, humility, and lots more. **Coach Terry Elge** described the importance of this as, "everyone gets better even while suffering a loss of a match. This sharpens skills. Many times losing helps you win later".

Learning from wins and losses is not an easy task. But with experience this task becomes a lot easier. **Carl Mundt (11)** and **Elijah Green (11)** have modeled this well to the younger wrestlers. Mundt and Green both made it to the state finals, with Mundt Class D 195 Champion and Green Runner Up at 152.

On the team there was only one senior, but **Garrett Swantek (12)** was a great leader for the team. Overall, the wrestling team learned a lot from each other this year and strengthened their skills.

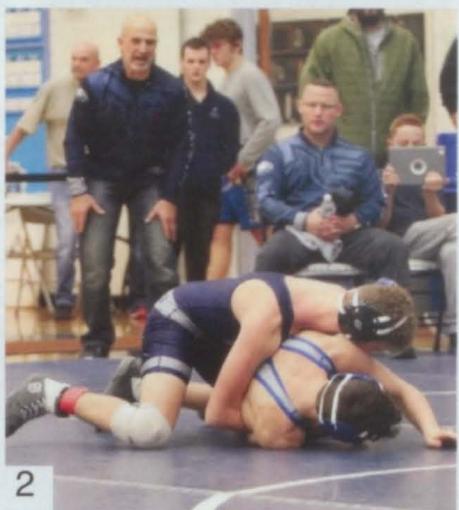
-Marlie Mundt (9)



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Wrestling

Lesson learned?



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"Mental discipline by ignoring what my brain tells me to do and doing what I need to do."
- Will Twogood (9)

"Hard work will produce results."
- Gabe Huenefeld (11)

Favorite Memory?



My favourite part of speech would have to be adjective (get it? get it?)

- Amanda Carlson (9)



Hearing that Lizzy slapped Charlie was my favourite memory.

- Sarah Klein (9)

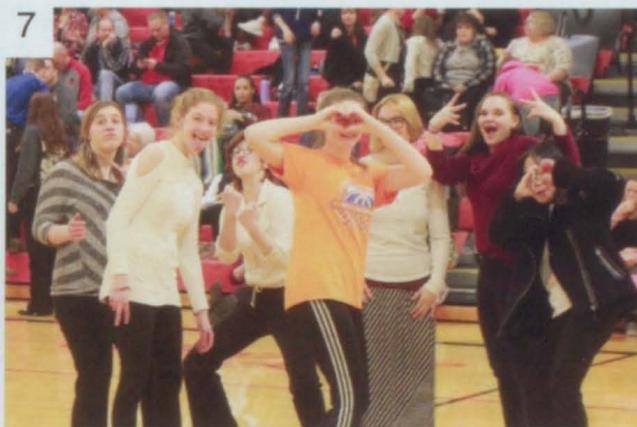


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Speech



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5. Olivia Janssen (11), Lizzy Powers (10), Rachel Rathjen (9) and Sarah Klein (9) chat while receiving medals for Varsity OID. They had only practiced a few times before this meet.



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Speech is always a fun event for those who love to perform. Though performing seems to be hard for new-comers; once they're into it, they will definitely love it. Some people like **Olivia Janssen (11)** joined speech because she enjoys it; others, however, joined speech accidentally. For instance, Madi Felt ('19) signed **Lizzy Powers (10)** up without her knowing, and she ended up loving this activity because fun is everywhere in speech (see it? see it?).

This year, we had a tiny but excellent team. With 6 students and two, who joined mid-season, the team received 37 medals and 4 top three places throughout 8 meets in this season. Speech meets were an all-day commitment and often funny things happened. Powers said, "We hit a random person with Chris' football." Through many meets in the season, they became close friends holding good memories with each other.

Yaozhu (Charlie) Cheng (10)

6. Chaeyeong Lee (11) disbelieves the fact she got 3rd place in the Informative event. This was Lee's first year in speech, and she had great success.

7. Speech girls and Coach Jessica Hilderbrand ('18) dance in the middle of a basketball court. The unexpected weirdness was what made speech meets so much fun.

8. Xavier Herman (11) walks proudly after he receives his Varsity Exempt 2nd place. Herman was one of several students who made it to State, but they were unable to attend due to the novel Coronavirus outbreak.

Quiz Bowl

At 7:15 in the morning, the high school building is pretty quiet. However on Tuesdays, the quiz bowl team was busy at work practicing in Mrs. Flynn's room. The 2019-20 High School Quiz Bowl team worked hard to better themselves throughout their season. Starting early in the year, the team met on a weekly basis with **Mrs. Dee Flynn** asking the team questions and helping them work through them.

Starting practices early in the year paid off for the quiz bowl team, as their first meet was October. In the past the quiz bowl team didn't start practice until later in the year. But the past couple years there have been more meets in the fall, making more opportunities for the team to compete and improve their skills. This year the team was scheduled for four meets; Central City Invitational Meet, the Goldenrod Conference Meet, and the District Meet. To end their season, the team was going to go to a meet in David City, but due to the Coronavirus, it was canceled.

Even though the season ended sooner than they thought, the team still met on a regular basis to answer practice questions and improve their quiz bowl skills.

- Marlie Mundt (9)

1. **Tenny Sebek (11), Olivia Janssen (11), Xavier Herman (11), Nehemiah Peters (10), Joshua Strong (11), and Jonathan Needham (10)** wait for a toss up question to be asked. Toss up questions are asked and if answered correctly, the team would get a bonus question only they could answer.

2. **Joshua Strong (11), Xavier Herman (11), Olivia Janssen (11), and Connor Lovejoy (11)** anticipate a math question. For math questions, the participants used pencil and paper to solve the given question.

3. Hard and efficiently, **Amanda Carlson, Jonathan Needham (10), Ethan Carlson (9), and Elijah Peters (9)** work to solve their given question. In order to answer this math question the team got 20 seconds instead of 15 seconds to answer, but they still had to think fast.

4. **Tenny Sebek (11), Olivia Janssen (11), Nehemiah Peters (10), and Isaac Herman (9)** discuss a bonus question. The team were allowed to discuss a bonus question before they gave an answer.



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Favorite meet?



"The state meet was my favorite meet because the robot was working correctly and consistently and we won the Think Award at the end".

- Christopher Needham (12)

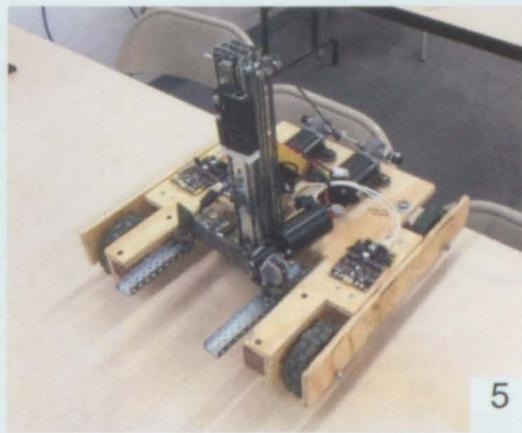


"The St. Paul meet was my favorite meet because we worked the hardest on the robot".

- Ethan Carlson (9)



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5. The older high school team's robot looks ready to go after some needed upgrades. This was the second and final version of a planned three.

6. Amanda Needham (8), Rachel Hale (8), and Kylie Merchant (8), members of the Junior High team, are all smiles after winning 2nd place at Axtell using the most reliable robot from Nebraska Christian.

7. Three members of the younger high school team, Elijah Peters (9), Jonathan Needham (10), and Nehemiah Peters (10), score points with their robot at the Hampton meet. They continued to use the same robot throughout the year.

8. The older high school team holding their Think Award. This was awarded to the team for Xavier Herman's (11) work on writing a unique autonomous program.



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Starting off early and strong, the robotics team began the season with summer meetings to discuss the design of the robots and tactics to use in a match. Many of the teams' members undertook necessary but challenging tasks to ensure success later in the season. To Peter Paul (10), "The lift was definitely the most challenging part to build". Amanda Carlson (9), a freshman on the underclassmen team, began the task of writing programs for the younger team's robot. For the older veterans' team, however, all the code was written by Xavier Herman (11). His program won the Think Award for his work with bluetooth remotes. This year the club increased its membership to create three teams, allowing many people to focus on specific areas of expertise, such as parts fabrication, journaling, and programming.

Although the high school team's start was, in Herman's words, a "Dumpster Fire", the team quickly propelled themselves to a successful end of the season by qualifying for Nationals. However, Nationals was soon cancelled to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. This brought a disappointing end to an otherwise triumphant year.

- James Thomas (11)

Robotics

What was your favorite game?



"My favorite game was the last game because it really showed our improvement throughout the season."

- Olivia Janssen (11)



"My favorite game we played was against Northwest. They were an incredibly good team, but they were also classy and fun to play against."

- Talia Parlane (12)



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NC is not only a place where you can grow and encourage each other in academics but also through sports. Soccer, in its third year at NC, helped the girls grow closer together while improving their game.

Although they had students from different backgrounds, pulling from new-to-sports, seasoned athletes, local students, and from around the world, the team was unified into one body with a common goal. Through dribbling, passing, running, scoring goals, and praying together, the team flourished. Defender **Yihang (Emily) Meng (12)** said, "Communication and showing support to teammates is important for growing closer to them."

Being able to learn the team's strengths and weaknesses helped them plan strategies to do their best. Head Coach **Joshua Davis** said, "Watching the girls play together and continually get better was the best part of the season". Continually growing in the game and encouraging teammates, created a successful soccer season in all the ways that matter.

- Chandra Davis (10)

Girls Soccer

Boys Soccer



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This season, **Coach Lorenzo Santillan** with 14 boys, made the Nebraska Christian boy's soccer team full of new faces. They practiced three months and played 6 games with other high school soccer teams. They added new numbers, improved their skills, and kept their bodies healthy. As a team, they worked together and were able to communicate better with each other. People playing soccer together can build great team relationships. Just like **Anh (Andrew) Nguyen (10)** said, "Most of our players' personal skills weren't very good yet. We need to understand the game better so that we would be able to apply the strategies that coach gives us into the game. Anyway, good job to all of my teammates!"

This season was a great season. The players were becoming more and more consociated and strong. The 2019 fall season will always be a great memory for the boys.

- Pengcheng (Moses) Lu (12)



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5. **Pengcheng (Moses) Lu (12)** steals the ball from the opposing player and tries to pass him with the help of **Clay Purkerson (12)**. Purkerson joined the team this year and played well as a defender.

6. **Chantz Stuhmer (10)** plays defense while **Anh (Andrew) Nguyen (10)** supports him. This season, Nguyen stepped up as one of the leaders on the team.

7. **Malachi Zaruba (9)** attempts to kick a ball flying through the air. The NC Club soccer team often came across very challenging teams, but they still fought their hardest.

8. **Xinpeng (Sam) Qu (12)** shows good technique with **Chantz Stuhmer (10)**, passing the ball to prevent it from being stolen by an opponent. Qu, another senior on the team, was one of the strikers.

What do you think about the biggest mistake you made?



"I think the biggest mistake I made during this soccer season is that I did not practice hard enough." - Zihui (Johnny) Wu (12)



"We did very well this season, but my biggest mistake was that I couldn't let go of my anxious thoughts and nerves before the games started." - Lapon (Ken) Kaewwisit (10)



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1. Tawinee (Tammy) Poongkumarn (10) and Yizi (Tina) Wang (10) bake a pie with an instructor from the UNL extension office. These classes taught different holiday baking recipes and shared American culture.

2. Yihang (Emily) Meng (12), Pattara (Butter) Rujirayanyong (11), and Yufan Ma (10) play dogeball on a snow day. Activities hosted during cold, snow filled days gave those living on campus something fun to enjoy.

3. Yixi (Tina) Wang (10), Manida (Poko) Hongdilokkul (11), Yihang (Emily) Meng (12), Chaeyeong Lee (11), Tawine (Tammy) Poongkumarn (10), and Xinying (Charlotte) Wang (11) go horseback riding with Marlie Mundt (9). Mundt taught the girls how to ride, saddle, and groom the horses one beautiful Sunday afternoon.

4. Boxin Du (10), Passapong (Fame) Punpoka (11), and Ava Brumbaugh (6) pose with the fish they caught with their instructor, Darrin Brumbaugh. Brumbaugh volunteered some of his time and his boat to take the students fishing several times throughout the fall.



The after-school activities are an opportunity for those who don't participate in sports to come after school and enjoy community with each other. They were designed specifically for the international students to be able to interact with their peers from different cultures. It was a great ice breaker to make long-lasting friendships. **Minh (Vincent) Nguyen (11)** said, "I can practice with American students, get familiar with them, and maybe study more about their English".

This year the students participated in jet skiing, fishing, cooking, archery, soccer, and more. They partnered with the UNL extension educators to provide the cooking and the archery classes. **Amanda Needham (8)**, who took part in some of the after-school activities said, "Making and decorating gingerbread houses was my favorite activity I did. It allowed us to show our creativity". This program has created several activities that allow students to learn new skills while also growing closer to each other.

- Chandra Davis (10)

After-School Activities



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5. Caitlin Chiles (8), Rachel Hale (8), Grace Musgrave (8), and Amanda Needham (8) work on solving a math problem. At this meet, two Nebraska Christian teams competed against each other because of a shortage of teams.

6. Emily Johansen (8), Adam Carlson (8), Amanda Needham (8), and Grace Musgrave (8) discuss a bonus question. The team got to discuss bonus questions.

NC provides numerous activities for the junior high students outside of sports. This includes Quiz Bowl, which was coached by **Mrs. Tara Mundt**. The teams were set up a little differently than in high school quiz bowl. The whole junior high takes quizzes, and the top scorers are taken and put into teams. These teams get the opportunity to compete several times through the year.

With the novel coronavirus, the team met over Zoom. **Kylie Merchant (8)** said, "it has helped everyone be more bold in answering questions".

- Marlie Mundt (9)



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Quiz Bowl Spelling Bee

S-p-e-l-l-i-n-g. Not everyone's cup of tea, but for a handful of students, the satisfaction of a correctly spelled word paid off. For NC students, all 5th through 8th grade students test to see if they make the cut for the Merrick County Spelling Bee. The schools in the county can choose four 5th-6th grade students and four 7th-8th grade students to compete at the county level. The 7/8th grade winner of the spelling bee moves on to the State competition. At the Merrick County Spelling Bee, all students compete in the first round, the written test. After narrowing down the competitors to the elite spellers, the final round is oral, with each student taking turns to spell a word given by the announcer. Nebraska Christian's competitors were **Kylie Merchant (8)**, who took 2nd place, **Caitlin Chiles (8)**, who tied **Richie Musgrave (8)** for 3rd place, **Rachel Hale (8)**, who received 5th place, and **Evelyn Poland (7)**, the alternate. The elementary was represented by **David Chiles (5)**, **William Poland (6)**, **Cal Seip (6)**, **Hananiah Peters (6)**, and **Julia Merchant (6)**, with Chiles, Poland, and Seip making it into the oral rounds. For the future spelling bee contestants, Kylie Merchant had some good advice. "Spelling is a good part of life, as well as important. For me, knowing what words mean tend to help me spell them. Even if you aren't good at spelling, you can still do your best!"

Junior High



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7. David Chiles (5), Cal Seip (6), William Poland (6), Hananiah Peters (6), and Julia Merchant (6) smile for the c-a-m-e-r-a after a long day at the Merrick County Spelling Bee.



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8. Kylie Merchant (8), right, poses with her runner-up trophy. Merchant put up a good fight, battling through 24 rounds of words.

Improvement played a huge role in the JH Football team. They played 6 games, with a 2-4 record. With the help of **Seth Hower (12)** and **Kalob Green (12)** in practices, the boys learned more about the sport. **Head Coach Andy Falk** said "the team started to understand the offense better as the year went on and improved greatly at being more physical".

- Marlie Mundt (9)



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2. Gavin Falk (8) tackles his opponent in the Palmer game. The boys had a 2-4 record, and as they played more games, they continued to learn and grow.

3. During practice, Gavin Falk (8), Isaiah Davis (7), and Vendell Juzyk (7) run sprints. Agility work was a vital part of helping the team improve.

Football Volleyball

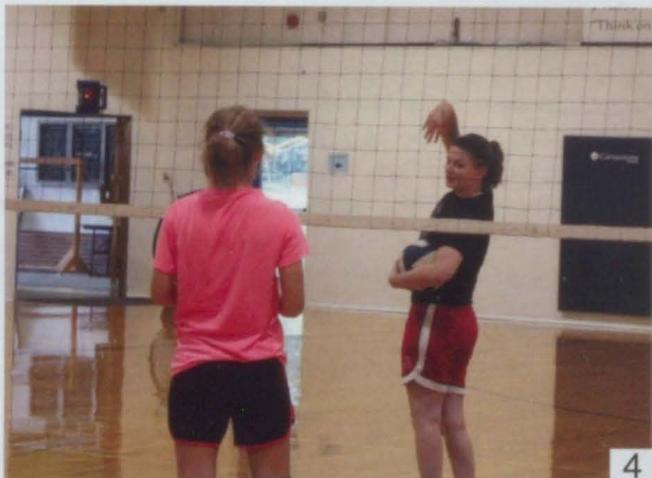
Junior High



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The JH Girls Volleyball team competed well in their 10 game schedule, with the A team having a record of 9-1, and the B team having a record of 2-4. They also grew in their knowledge of the game and their skills. **Head Coach Britta Landigan** "really enjoyed getting to know the girls and watching them improve over the season". The whole team improved in skill and teamwork throughout the season. **Mallory Paul (8)** enjoyed "watching everyone work together".

- Marlie Mundt (9)



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1. Head Coach Britta Landigan and Assistant Coach Tara Mundt talk to the team during a time out. Time outs often helped the girls refocus and come back playing hard.

4. Coach Britta Landigan shows Evelyn Poland (7) how to improve her hitting in practice. 9th hour practices were essential for the girls, helping them develop and hone their skills.

Each year, NC gives opportunities to students in junior high to join the cross country team. This year, eight junior high students (four boys and four girls) decided to take on the challenge. After having the volleyball and football practices during the last hour of school, the runners showed great effort during the combined practices with the high school teams. **Head Coach Scott Johnson** said "they overcame my goal for them, and I think they are ready to be senior high runners". The junior high boys team won the conference at the end of the season, and the girls got second in their conference. **Grace Strong (8)** said "I think I improved a lot through practices which makes the meets easier as the season go on. I think I am ready to be a high school runner next year."

-Zihui (Johnny) Wu (12)



Cross Country



5. Broderick Flynn (7) tries to pass a player in a race. Flynn worked hard which earned him good results and medals in his races.

6. Evelyn Poland (7), Hannah Swanson (8), Grace Strong (8) and Grace Musgrave (8) run hard from the starting shot. The Junior High team worked hard and pushed each other to beat their own personal records .

Cross Country



7. Hannah Swanson (8) and Grace Musgrave (8) put their best effords in for a strong finish. Swanson won most of her meets and is looking forward to competing next year as a freshman.

8. Zander Merchant (7) pushes himself in the fun run. The fun run, which took place at the beginning of the season set the base line for many runners so they could watch their improvement over time.



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The junior high girls basketball season was a great time of learning, growing, and having a great time. **Mr. Clay Mankin** was the junior high girls basketball coach and has taught the Junior High Lady Eagles the fundamentals of the game and how to work as a team. This group was a tight-knit group and loved playing together. As **Ali Bruning (8)** explained, "the more we played together, the better we got. It was fun to see us grow". Like the other sports on campus, high school students took time during the last hour of school to help out with the junior high practices, creating the transition to the high school team even smoother. These young players have been successful on and off the court and will continue to be.

3. **Hope Seip (8)** looks for an opening while **Julie Sidak (8)** repositions. Junior high games often took place during the last hour of school, and many other students would get out of study hall to cheer them on.

Basketball

Junior High

Junior high boys basketball is a place for younger players to learn the fundamentals and basics of the game. The coach for the junior high boys was **Mr. Andy Falk**. He taught not only the fundamentals of the game, but also important life lessons that transfer outside of basketball, like working as a team to complete one task and putting effort in everything we do in life. As **Micah Perdew (8)** said, "junior high basketball taught me the importance of teamwork and dedication." We look forward to the future for Eagle basketball in what they can accomplish in the game and in life.

-Terry Sebek (9)



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1. **Zander Merchant (7)**, **Micah Perdew (8)**, **Joshua Green (7)**, and **Brodey Flynn (7)** watch the shot attempt. The small junior high classes makes for good friendships between the boys, both on and off the court.

2. **Ali Bruning (8)** is at the line, taking a free throw and **Graci Boersen (8)** waits for the shot during the game against High Plains. Bruning and Boersen were key contributors for the Junior High Lady Eagles.



Junior High is a time to try new things. The junior highers had an opportunity to do basketball as well as wrestling. The junior high wrestling team only had 3 meets this year. Although the number of meets was small, the team worked hard. They learned a lot more about wrestling, thanks to coaches **Matt Green** and **Steve Strobel**. They learned self discipline, confidence, and teamwork. **Richie Musgrave** (8), pictured right, explained that his "favorite part of wrestling this year was being with the team and learning more about wrestling". Many of these wrestlers had older siblings on the high school team or who wrestled in high school, and these young wrestlers readily followed in their footsteps.

- Marlie Mundt (9)



Junior High

Wrestling

Robotics



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4. The Junior High Robotics team poses with their robot after a match. The team spent many hours together getting their robot competition ready.

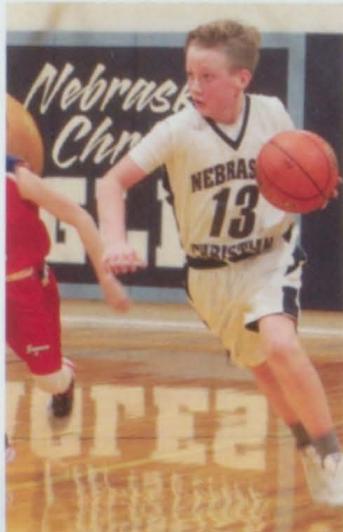
5. A handful of robotics team members take a break during practice for a bit of fun, all under the watchful eye of **Coach Gary Needham**. Part of what made robotics so fun was the large amount of creativity it required.



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Group Participants



Cross Country

Caden Bokelman - Chantz Stuhmer - Tug Burdett - Ethan Carlson - Amanda Carlson - Yaozhu (Charlie) Cheng - Xavier Herman - Manida (Poko) Hongdilokkul - Olivia Janssen - Kaler Johansen - Yufan Ma - Ethan Merchant - Truitt Merchant - Garrett Nokelby - Talia Parlane - Clay Purkerson - Rachel Rathjen - Joshua Strong - Shelby Swanson - Malachi Zaruba

Play Production Cast

Amy Hilderbrand - Olivia Janssen - Sarah Klein - Connor Lovejoy - Amanda Needham - Lizzy Powers - Cooper Schnell

Crew

Adam Carlson - Chandra Davis - Molly Griess - Chaeyeong Lee - Shelby McHargue - Sidney McHargue - Yihang (Emily) Meng - Talia Parlane - Clay Purkerson - Tabitha Seip - Joshua Strong - Xinying (Charlotte) Wang

Volleyball

Reghan Flynn - Molly Griess - Kendyl Jividen - Sarah Klein - Grace Langemeier - Sidney McHargue - Shelby McHargue - Marlie Mundt - Chelsey Myers - Claire Pipher - Lizzy Powers - Tenny Sebek - Tabitha Seip - Amy Springer - Stephanie Strobel - Sophie Swanson - Yixi (Tina) Wang - Makayla Wheeler - Maryah Wheeler

Girls Club Soccer

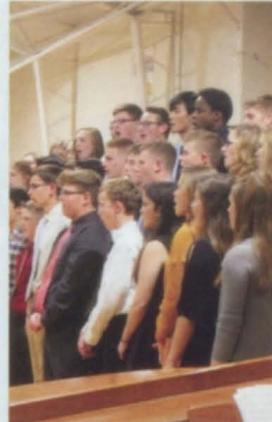
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Football

Elijah Boersen - Micah Davis - Zach Egeland - Dayton Falk - Elijah Green - Kalob Green - Isaac Halbgewachs - Isaac Herman - Seth Hower - Gabe Huenefeld - Gabe Langemeier - Kaleb Morton - Carl Mundt - Daniel Musgrave - Peter Paul - Drew Perdew - Nehemiah Peters - Aidan Pipher - Terry Sebek - Grant Stuhmer - Garrett Swantek - Stone Swantek - James Thomas - Will Twogood - Keith Wasomi - Malachi Wheeler - Zihui (Johnny) Wu

Boys Club Soccer

Lapon (Ken) Kaewwisit - Pengcheng (Moses) Lu - Jonathan Needham - Ahn (Andrew) Nguyen - Clay Purkerson - Xinpeng (Sam) Qu - Pattara (Butter) Rujirayanyong - Cooper Schnell - Joshua Strong - Chantz Stuhmer - Zihui (Johnny) Wu - Toby Zaruba - Malachi Zaruba



High School Quiz Bowl

Amanda Carlson - Ethan Carlson - Xavier Herman - Isaac Herman - Olivia Janssen - Connor Lovejoy - Christopher Needham - Jonathan Needham - Nehemiah Peters - Elijah Peters - Tenny Sebek - Joshua Strong

Junior High Robotics

Adam Carlson - Rachel Hale - Kylie Merchant - Richie Musgrave - Amanda Needham - Grace Strong

Junior High Quiz Bowl

Isabelle Brumbaugh - Adam Carlson - Caitlin Chiles - Rachel Hale - Emily Johansen - Ah-Rim Lee - Kylie Merchant - Grace Musgrave - Richie Musgrave - Amanda Needham - Evelyn Poland

Girls Basketball

Amanda Carlson - Chandra Davis - Reghan Flynn - Molly Griess - Shelby McHargue - Sidney McHargue - Marlie Mundt - Claire Pipher - Tennasynn Sebek - Tabitha Seip - Shelby Swanson - Sophie Swanson - Yixi (Tina) Wang - Maryah Wheeler - Makayla Wheeler

High School Robotics

Ethan Burdett - Amanda Carlson - Ethan Carlson - Xavier Herman - Connor Lovejoy - Christopher Needham - Jonathan Needham - Peter Paul - Nehemiah Peters - Elijah Peters - Cooper Schnell - Amy Springer - Joshua Strong - James Thomas

Boys Basketball

Elijah Boersen - Yaozhu (Charlie) Cheng - Micah Davis - Dayton Falk - Kalob Green - Isaac Herman - Seth Hower - Gabe Langemeier - Ethan Merchant - Truitt Merchant - Kobe Morris - Owen Morris - Jacob Nokelby - Garrett Nokelby - Drew Perdew - Elijah Peters - Nehemiah Peters - Aidan Pipher - Riley Schreiber - Terry Sebek



Wrestling

Ethan Carlson - Elijah Green - Micah Green - Gabe Huenefeld - Carl Mundt - Daniel Musgrave - Garrett Swantek - Stone Swantek - James Thomas - Will Twogood

Speech

Amanda Carlson - Yaozhu (Charlie) Cheng - Xavier Herman - Olivia Janssen - Sarah Klein - Chaeyeong Lee - Lizzy Powers - Rachel Rathjen

Junior High Athletes

Drew Bailey - Graci Boersen - Isabelle Brumbaugh - Alexandra Bruning - Adam Carlson - Caitlin Chiles - Isaiah Davis - Josiah Davis - Gavin Falk - Broderick Flynn - Joshua Green - Jonah Green - Rachel Hale - Oliver Herman - Zach Huenefeld - Vendell Juzyk - Kylie Merchant - Zander Merchant - Grace Musgrave - Richie Musgrave - Amanda Needham - Mallory Paul - Micah Perdew - Evelyn Poland - Hope Seip - Julie Sidak - Alyssa Springer - Faith Springer - Christian Strobel - Grace Strong - Hannah Swanson

Choir

Tug Burdett - Chandra Davis - Hunter Dixon - Reghan Flynn - Kalob Green - Molly Griess - Amy Hilderbrand - Olivia Janssen - Kendyl Jividen - Kaler Johansen - Sarah Klein - Bryce Krieger - Grace Langemeier - Ho-Eun Lee - Shelby McHargue - Sidney McHargue - Ethan Merchant - Truitt Merchant - Daniel Musgrave - Chelsey Myers - Christopher Needham - Anh (Andrew) Nguyen - Garrett Nokelby - Jacob Nokelby - Talia Parlone - Lizzy Powers - Clay Purkerson - Rachel Rathjen - Pattara (Butter) Rujirayanyong - Riley Schreiber - Tabitha Seip - Amy Springer - Stephanie Strobel - Chantz Stuhmer - Shelby Swanson - Sophie Swanson - Stone Swantek - Lily Tenorio - Keith Wasomi - Makayla Wheeler - Malachi Wheeler - Maryah Wheeler

Student Council

Josiah Davis - Molly Griess - Seth Hower - Olivia Janssen - Richie Musgrave - Jamie Myers - Garrett Nokelby - Cooper Schnell - Tenny Sebek - Shelby Swanson



Band

Ali Bruning - Tug Burdett - Adam Carlson - Ethan Carlson - Yaozhu (Charlie) Cheng - Caitlin Chiles - Boxin Du - Gavin Falk - Broderick Flynn - Rachel Hale - Amy Hildebrand - Seth Hower - Olivia Janssen - Kendyl Jividen - Bryce Krieger - Gabe Langemeier - Justin Maberry - Ethan Merchant - Kylie Merchant - Truitt Merchant - Zander Merchant - Marlie Mundt - Richie Musgrave - Chelsey Myers - Jamie Myers - Amanda Needham - Christopher Needham - Jonathan Needham - Jacob Nokelby - Talia Parlane - Evelyn Poland - Lizzy Powers - Rachel Rathjen - Riley Schreiber - Alyssa Springer - Amy Schreiber - Faith Springer - Chantz Stuhmer - Hannah Swanson - Shelby Swanson - Lily Tenorio - Malachi Zaruba



Yearbook Staff

Yaozhu (Charlie) Cheng - Chandra Davis - Pencheng (Moses) Lu - Sidney McHargue - Marlie Mundt - Timothy Riley - Jordan Schnell - Terry Sebek - James Thomas - Zihui (Johnnny) Wu

1. Charlotte Hale (1) shows off her shades while riding on the scooter. The first graders loved being able to go to the pumpkin patch with the rest of the elementary and played hard all day.



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2. Some of the Junior Eagles race down the court towards the basket. The Junior Eagles often played during the halftimes of home games.



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3. Friends Alyssa Paul (6), Taytum Perdew (6), and Hananiah Peters (6) roll down the PVC slide. The Pumpkin Patch always bring out the joy in those who attend, whether 6 years old or 60.



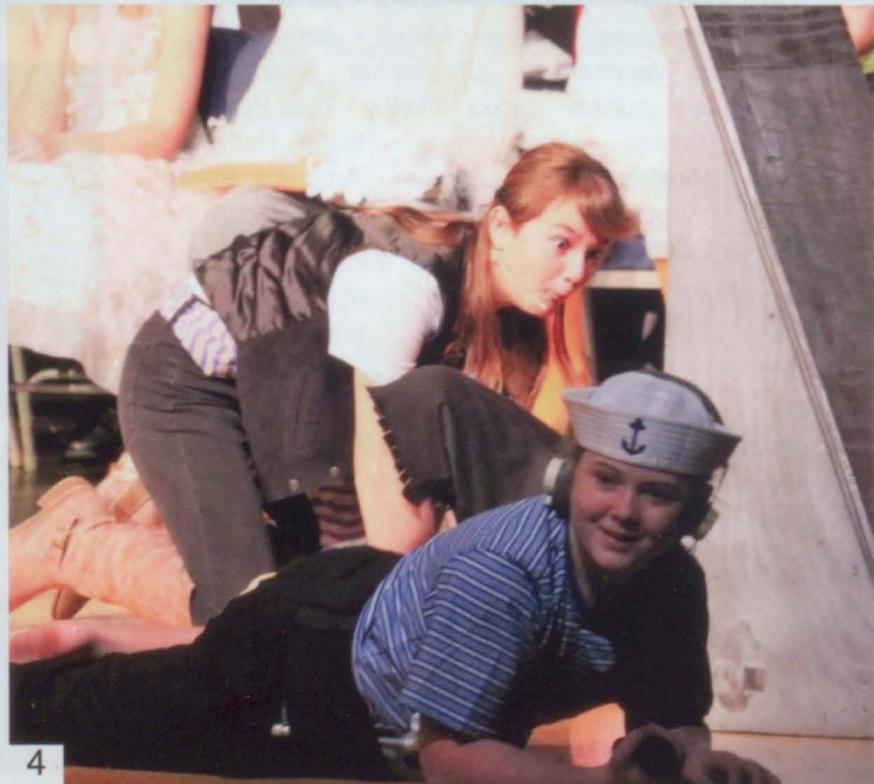
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Elementary

Every year the elementary students put on a Patch the Pirate Play. This year's play, "Final Voyage?", was the culmination of many weeks of practice and anticipation. 5th and 6th grade students fill the roles of the main characters while the younger students sing in the chorus. **Cal Seip (6th)** says "My favorite scene was the scene about Sarge, when he got the call from his mom, everyone laughed and it was great". Students experienced a full stage production, highlighting their singing and acting abilities, through the combined efforts of teachers, parents, and older student volunteers.

- Sidney McHargue (10)

4. **Olivia Bokelman (6) and Alexis Perry (5)** take on their characters in "Patch the Pirate: The Final Journey?" The Nebraska Christian Elementary has been putting on a full-length production of a Patch the Pirate Play for over 15 years.



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Learning in the classroom is always an adventure, but the NC elementary has the privilege of added field trips and numerous events to add to their experience. Some of these activities that take place throughout the year are: The Patch the Pirate play, Grandparents Day, The Waffleman, and the pumpkin patch. One of the favorites among students is the pumpkin patch; on a chilly but sunny day in October, students get on a bus and drive to St. Libory to spend the day at the Scarecrow Patch. On this farm there are many fun games including many slides, a corn maze, campfire, pumpkin launchers, and a big pumpkin-themed inflatable to jump on. **Trev McHargue (4)** said this was his favorite day because, "I got to play in many games, and we were able to go alone with our friends". These opportunities, like the pumpkin patch adventure, help students to develop closer relationships with their classmates but also grow in their relationships with their teachers.

- Sidney McHargue (10)



8. Left to Right **Anisha McCray-Luce (4)**, **Kaley Krug (4)**, **Emily Perry (4)**, **Ava Merchant (4)**, and **Abby Berck (5)** act out a scene during "Final Voyage?". This group of girls was made up of some of the middle grades and they took their roles very seriously, showcasing their acting abilities with attitude!

Activities



5. Carefully aiming at the target, **Sheridan Falk (6)** sends the rubber band flying towards her target hoping to knock it down. Falk and her grandparents participated in many of the stations that were set up during Grandparents Day.

6. Riding on the cow train (left to right) **David Carlson (6)**, **Silas Johansen (4)**, and **Noah Creutzberg (4)** show off their excitement. The fourwheeler cow ride is one of the more popular rides at the Scarecrow Patch.

7. **Samuel Tonniges (K)** rides on a little scooter at the Scarecrow Patch. Scooters, trains, pumpkin chucking, a petting zoo, and fire pits were just a few of the charms that the elementary students experienced at the pumpkin patch.

Student Life

1. The Boys and Girls Dorm students pose with the volunteers of Orphan Grain Train after packaging thousands of meals for the Central Nebraska area. One of the focuses for the school this year was to develop a servant heart. The school instituted a service hours requirement for all students that could be fulfilled on campus and in their communities.

2. A group of elementary students anxiously await choosing their desserts at the Harvest Concert. Because Nebraska Christian Schools celebrated their 60th Anniversary, the Harvest Festival was reformatted for a simple night of music and desserts.

3. A group of juniors withstand the cold on their tour at the University of Minnesota. This group had a fun adventure, full of unexpected twists and a couple of "Bangs".

4. Seth Hower (12), Jamie Myers (12), and Kendyl Jividen (12) listen to a Holocaust survivor tell her story at the National Holocaust Museum. Many students reported that the Holocaust Museum was one of the most impacting moments of the Senior Trip.

5. Mr. Gib Killion and Mr. Tim Hekrdle stand with the international seniors after graduation. Graduation had to be limited to a few attendees outside of the seniors' families, and it had to be hosted outside. NC compensated for the new format by live streaming the event and having a mobile jumbotron for the attendees, who had to remain in their cars.



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Overview

One Giant Family

At Nebraska Christian, we focus not only on the academics but on building relationships and restoring the focus on people. Naturally, much of this takes place outside of the classroom. From performing together, traveling together, and living together, being around other people brings out the best in each other.

This year saw the 60th Anniversary of the school, and with it came an influx of alumni reuniting and reminiscing. Other celebrations on campus included the Harvest Concert and the Festival of Lessons and Carols. Many of the spring performances and events, such as the Spring Concert, Honor Banquet, and Nebraska Christian Dinner and Benefit Auction, were either cancelled or shifted into a mode that followed the Directive Health Measures issued by the Governor of Nebraska.

A highlight for both the juniors and seniors was the trips they took as a class. For the juniors, their trip coincided with the first touches of winter as they travelled north to Minneapolis. For the seniors, Washington D.C. was their destination, and they flew off in March to see the Capitol city, complete with meeting the Nebraska delegation and visiting monuments and memorials.

Nebraska Christian also boasts a unique tradition of having dormitories. These melting pots combined students from all over the world, including a couple American students, and from a range of ages. These students, with the help of their dorm parents, created a family on campus. They laughed, played, argued, traveled, ate, and watched movies together, blending cultures and backgrounds into one big, new campus culture. They had the unexpected gift of being secluded on campus once the novel virus closed down Nebraska, but they didn't let it stop them. If anything, it drew them closer together.

Whether living together, traveling together, or simply working side-by-side, students at NC came together and did life as one giant family.



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60th Anniversary

Restoration through the Years

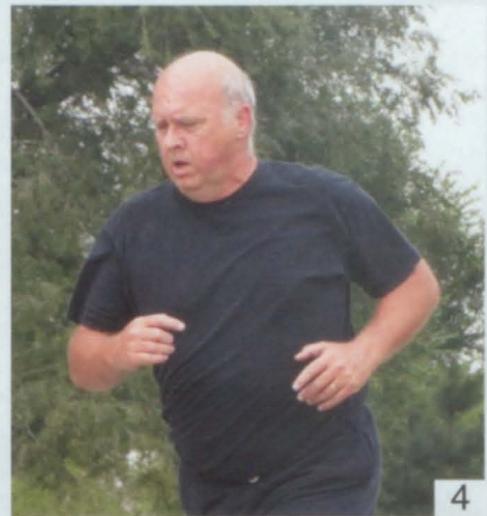
Our school has changed in many ways throughout the years but a couple things remain true, a foundation on Christ and the sacrifice and faithfulness of others. This year we celebrated the school's 60th Anniversary because of the unfailing faithfulness of others. NC hosted many events including a picnic dinner, an alumni choir reunion, tours of campus, and many more. During these events, the alumni reminisced over the memories they created here at school with each other.

Nebraska Christian Schools was started from a group of obedient servants who dreamed of starting a Christian boarding school, and through the grace of God, the school was started.

With only 38 high school students and six teachers, Nebraska Christian opened its doors in 1959. God proved to be steadfast even in the hardest of times when faculty would go without paychecks or when people would even mortgage their farms because the school needed it. Fast forward through the years and the school is still continuing to reach the ends of the earth.

We have students on every continent and have had 1400-1500 alumni cross our stage. "Like it or not, NC is a part of the alums and they are a part of NC" says **Stephani Franci**, who is the Development Director. Here at NC, we are unique in many ways, but we all have one thing in common. We all come from different areas of the world, different languages, and backgrounds, but we are all connected through Christ.

- Sidney McHargue (10)



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1. Bryce Krieger (12), Yaozhu (Charlie) Cheng (10), Christopher Needham (12), and Kendyl Jividen (12) eat dinner between the Alumni choir practice and concert. Many students enjoyed being able to participate in the numerous activities during the 60th anniversary.

2. A number of choir students and alumni members of the Nebraska Christian Choir join voices for the 60th Anniversary Concert. Over the school's long history, it has only seen three choir directors.

3. Board chairman **Paul McHargue** speaks to the crowd during the ground breaking ceremony for the new addition. The new addition added new bathrooms, a foyer, and temporary concessions stand.

4. **Tom Dockweiler** runs his hardest during the Renewed Strength 5K. The fun run has been a popular addition to the Homecoming festivities for the past several years.

Homecoming Week



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Homecoming is that one week where all students have the chance to participate and show their artistic and individual side of them. This year's student council chose unique and creative dress up days that made the students think outside the box. Spirit week was a way for past and new students to grow closer together in ways they wouldn't have otherwise, giving them common ground. Sophomore **Yixi (Tina) Wang** said, "We talked about their clothes and...we [learned] a lot about homecoming from my classmates". The dress up days this year were: Injury Day, Sci-Fi Day, Class Holiday, and the original, Blue and White Day. And even though there were many other activities, the long awaited football game seemed to be a theme for people's favorite event. **Makayla Wheeler (9)** said it this way, "The football game and being able to interact with other people [was my favorite part]". The football game is always a fun time where all the old alumni come together and celebrate with all the current students.

- Sidney McHargue (10)

5. A plethora of "injuries" afflict the student body during Spirit week. Students roamed the halls on Injury Day with crutches, wheelchairs, walking boots, and a number of other medical devices to celebrate Homecoming.

6. **Seth Hower (12)** is supported on Senior Night by a group of men from the community. These men were mentors for Hower after the sudden loss of his father in the spring of 2019.

7. Julie Sidak (8) and Maryah Wheeler (9) display their injuries during injury day. Homecoming, happening fairly early in the year, helped new students to bond with each other and with the rest of their classmates over the dress-up competitions.

8. A large group of seniors snap a selfie in front of the Fuji sign in Grand Island. Seniors were allowed three lunches off campus during the year.

Homecoming

Keeping the Focus

Nebraska Christian strives to keep God as the foundation of everything we do. To this point, the first period of the day was set as Bible class for every grade, with Wednesdays reserved for Chapel. **Mr. Gordon Thiessen**, the school Chaplain, brought in a different speaker for each week, finding people from many walks of life who all share a zeal for God and bring a compelling message whether it be a personal testimony or an instructive teaching from the Word. Each chapel began with a worship song or two, led by the student worship team, and ended with a time for E-groups.

As Bible class daily restored the students spiritual foundation, and Chapel refreshed the students weekly, there were two Spiritual Emphasis Days set aside to revitalize the students. Taking place in the fall and in the spring at Heartland E-Free Church in Central City, these mornings were filled with several main sessions, longer periods of worship, and ample time for e-group discussion. In the afternoon, the students returned to campus to play team-building games with their e-groups.

These times of restoration were important for staff and students alike to refocus and rebuild our foundation on the Word of the Lord.

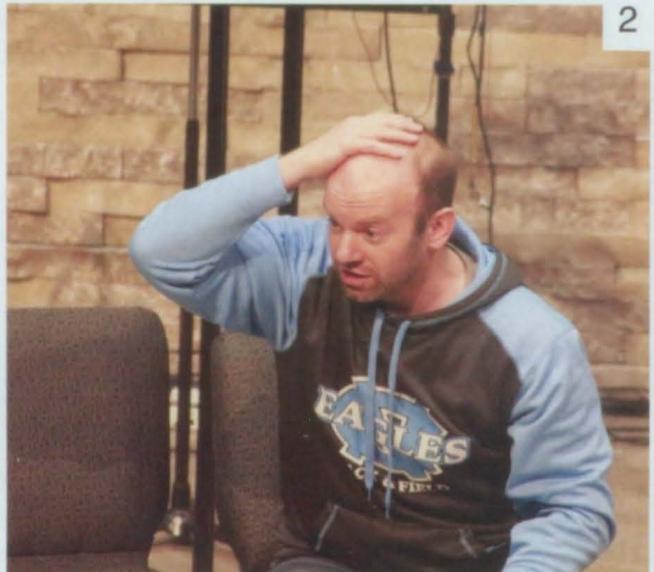
- James Thomas (11)

1. **Mr. Andy Falk** gives the e-groups direction before they split into groups to compete in various games. E-groups were a chance for students to get to know each other and provided a place to pray for each other and discuss pertinent topics from Chapel.



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2. **Mr. Eric Zanger** expounds his thoughts on the message shared during Spiritual Emphasis Day. Mr. Zanger was one of several teachers who took part in a discussion panel after the morning sessions.



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3. **Keith Chancy** preaches to the Nebraska Christian student body. Nebraska Christian hosted many epic preachers and speakers throughout the year both for Chapel and for the two Spiritual Emphasis Days.



4. **Sidney McHargue (10), Shelby McHargue (10), and Tabitha Seip (10)** lead a time of worship for the student body. A handful of students volunteered their time and talents on the worship team. Early mornings and quick rehearsals were often the only option for the team.

Spiritual Development

Student Council



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5. Student Council President **Seth Hower (12)** prays over the student body during the Christmas Pep Rally. In addition to the Christmas celebration, StuCo hosted several rallies throughout the year.

6. **Tenny Sebek (11)** and **Jamie Myers (12)** sit in the rarely seen back room of the office. StuCo met a couple of times during the summer to start planning the year. StuCo is made up of both class presidents and elected members of the council.

7. **Tenny Sebek (11)**, **Seth Hower (12)**, **Garrett Nokelby (12)**, **Cooper Schnell (9)**, **Shelby Swanson (11)**, and **Olivia Janssen (11)** show off their Christmas spirit during the holidays. Themed days usually brought out a bit of the creative and a bit of the crazy in students and staff alike.

8. **Cooper Schnell (9)** explains the rules of the game while the contests warily await its beginning. Schnell enjoyed developing his MC skills and was often nominated to host the games.

Peer Leadership

The student body of a school is always too big to cohesively make their own decisions on pep rallies or take ideas to the administration. Enter the student council. The student council took in the ideas of their peers and puts them forward to the administration. The student council came up with good ideas like a toilet paper treasure hunt during quarantine schooling or bad ideas like an indoor game of sharks and minnows with the whole student body. This year's student council met during their lunch period on a few days to work out details of pep rallies and send-offs for state qualifiers in a suitable way that honors hard work and dedication. **Caden Bokelman (11)** said, "I really enjoyed the spike ball tournament because Garrett and I crushed all of our competition". He and his partner, **Garrett Nokelby (11)**, who was the student council VP, knocked out the other teams to win the tournament.

-Seth Hower (12)
guest author

1. The Junior Class is all smiles as they get ready to leave the school parking lot for their trip to Minneapolis. Sponsors had the delightful task of ensuring the chaos did not get too out of control during the many hours on the road.

2. The junior girls, **Shelby Swanson**, **Chaeyeong Lee**, **Tennasynn Sebek**, **Xinying (Charlotte) Wang**, **Manida (Poko) Hongdilokkul**, **Olivia Janssen**, and sponsor, **Sarah Swanson** get ready to eat at Annie's. A traditional stop for the trip, Annie's was a highlight this year!

3. **Caden Bokelman** and **Elijah Green**, pleased with a successful haul, take a break from shopping. Mall of America, with hundreds of stores on multiple floors, filled the dreams of even the most avid shopper; most students also dedicated time to the amusement park that lives at the center.

4. **Olivia Janssen** and **Shelby Swanson** pose with the Minnesota mascot. The students toured both the University of Minnesota and Northwestern University to kickstart their college planning.



The Never-Ending Bus Ride

On November 13, 2019, the Junior class boarded the big blue bus, and, "Bang!", they left on an adventure to the North. Led by their fearless sponsors, **Mr. Dockweiler**, **Mrs. Swanson**, and **Mr. James**, the Juniors were on their way to Minnesota for a time of class bonding, college visits, and fun. Over the span of several days, sandwiched by a long bus ride, the juniors went shopping, saw a walk-through performance of "Macbeth" at the James J. Hill Mansion, played some mini-golf, and failed to escape a challenging set of escape rooms. For some, the Mall of America was the highlight of the trip. **Manida (Poko) Hongdilokkul** explained that it was her favorite because she "had a lot of things to play in the Mall of America". For others, it was just the time together that made the most impact. **Xinying (Charlotte) Wang** loved the opportunity to get to know her classmates better. "On the bus, we had more chances to talk to each other. We also sat together at meal times, so we got closer to each other".

This class trip also served as a strong beginning to the juniors' college search. Mr. James lined up tours at the University of Minnesota and Northwestern University. Experiencing these large universities allowed the students to start thinking about college, see college campuses that are outside of Nebraska, and it opened the conversation about preparing for testing and career options. Even when things didn't go as planned, the juniors had the opportunity to learn. **Olivia Janssen** described an unexpected experience. "When we accidentally ended up at CanCan Wonderland, the experience was a reminder to me that God knows and loves even those who don't acknowledge Him".

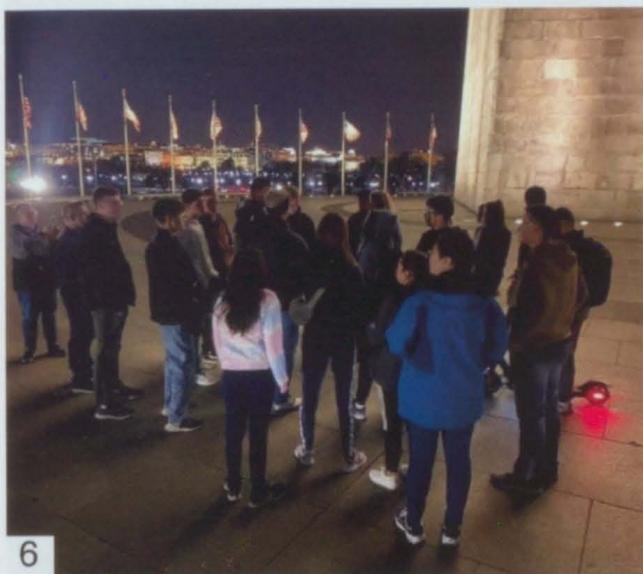
Junior Trip

Senior Trip



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5. The Senior Class poses with Congressman Adrian Smith outside the United States Capitol Building. The class had the awesome opportunity to join the Nebraska Breakfast, a weekly breakfast held by the entire Nebraska delegation while both the House and Senate are in session.



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6. The seniors walk around DC at night to visit some of the monuments. These monuments are even more impacting to see all lit up in the dark.



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7. Mr. Carl Ostrand gives a mini impromptu lesson to the group paused near a memorial while **Kalob Green (12)** waits with his infamous scooter. Green used a scooter for much of the trip to ease the strain on an injury.

Capitol, Here We Come!

Washington D.C.: a land filled with businessmen and women, memorials, museums, soldiers working at the pentagon, cars jam-packed onto the streets, and students of all ages following their "guides" up and down sidewalks gazing at enormous buildings. This year's Senior Class, a group of only 20, made it relatively easy to maneuver through all the crowded streets and buildings of our nation's capital. The trip has always been a major highlight of a student's senior year at NC. The trip is notorious for its intense walks every day. The peak day included 14 miles of near-constant walking. The days were a little easier for one student, **Kalob Green (12)**, who had recently severely sprained his ankle in basketball. Green got the opportunity to rent scooters all over D.C. in order to keep resting his ankle. Many of the other students really enjoyed watching him buzz around sidewalks and flex his driving skills. **Kendyl Jividen (12)** said, "My favorite part of the senior trip was when Kalob got a scooter and started cutting everyone off on the sidewalks". All in all, this year's senior class of NC had an amazing trip, full of memories and landmarks, even with sore feet.

-Seth Hower (12)
guest author

A Tight-Knit Family

Reading books, flying kites, table tennis tournaments, these were a few of their favorite things. Elliot Hall, also known as the Girls' Dorm, was home to nine international girls and one American student this year. Although this was a lower number than past years, it allowed for the creation of a tight-knit family. **Yihang (Emily) Meng (12)** had the unique experience of being the only senior in the dorm. "It was really hard for me at first to guide all the new kids and teach them about dorm life, but later on I learned that through communication, it will be really easy. Also, getting to know all of them really brought me joy in my final year".

Like most things in the world, the dorm was also affected by the COVID-19 shut down, bringing an unexpected closeness between the girls. The extra time together inspired more cooking, learning new instruments, learning other languages, and lots and lots of laughter. **Yixi (Tina) Wang (10)** explained that always being together in the dorm made the girls "talk a lot and know each other better". They also filled the time with fun, like finding 200 Easter eggs that Miss Myers had hidden, learning how to do cartwheels, or needing to sing for their supper. No one could have predicted the events of the year, but for the girls dorm, it was simply all about family.

1. My (Kelly) Pham (10), Chaeyeong Lee (11), and Manida (Poko) Hongdilokkul (10) assist Mrs. Dori Huenefeld in making kimchi, a type of spicy pickled vegetables. The dorm girls loved learning about the foods from their different cultures.

2. Ah-Rim Lee (7) and My (Kelly) Pham (10) work on learning a new instrument, the trumpet. Because of the extra time that the COVID-19 shut down provided, several students used the opportunity to grow their musical talents.

3. Miss Hannah Myers and the dorm girls pose on their trip to Branson, Missouri during Thanksgiving break. Because of their small numbers during the fall semester, the girls stayed in a rental house and loved every minute.



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Girls Dorm

Boys Dorm

The NC Melting Pot

A big part of the NC family is the international students. In the 2019-20 school year we had 13 international boys from China, Vietnam, Thailand and Kenya. These young men had different appearances and worldviews, yet they shared a similarity: they came to learn American culture and knowledge. While living in another country, they gathered together as a family that held and supported each one of the members. **Keith Wasomi (12)** said, "It's amazing to see kids from all over the world become brothers and sisters".

Living in another country is hard itself, but it became worse by the pandemic of COVID-19. Through fun events like riding bikes and flying kites during free time in the afternoon, they had a safe and joyful time though they were locked down in school. Since they spent a lot of time with each other during the lock-down, the boys in the dorm grew to be a closer and stronger family than they were before.

-Yaozhu (Charlie) Cheng (10)



4. Ann (Andrew) Nguyen (10) and Minh (Vincent) Nguyen (11) fix a kite. Flying kites was one of many things the dorm parents lined up for the students to do during the long COVID-19 shut down.

5. Daniel Musgrave (10) and James Thomas (11) join Passapong (Fame) Punpoka (11), Lapon (Ken) Kaewwisit (10), and Anh (Andrew) Nguyen (10) for the Lunar New Year party with the dorm kids. The dorms celebrated the Lunar New Year by all contributing traditional dishes and eating hot pot.

6. The International boys take a group picture at the ice skating rink in Omaha during their Thanksgiving trip. The dorms usually take two trips, one during Thanksgiving and the other during Easter break, and alternate a "long" trip, like Branson or Denver, with a "short" trip, like Omaha or Kansas City.



A Graduation to Remember



Walking down the aisle to Pomp and Circumstance while friends and family take pictures and your mom cries. Crossing the stage with Bible in hand to sit as the center of all eyes in the gym. Joining the throng of people congratulating you and your friends after the ceremony. This was the expectation for the 2020 seniors; however, there was a different finale in store for them. After all schools in Nebraska were directed to be closed due to the novel coronavirus, the NC administration had to get creative to make a memorable graduation. Photoshoots, a jumbotron, radio broadcast, car parade, and a large, socially-distanced outdoor stage were all facets of the ceremony. Some traditions stayed the same. Two students were selected to speak for and to the class, and a guest speaker was "zoomed" in and projected on the jumbotron.

Seth Hower, the student body president, spoke about how God will use this "valley" He is asking us to walk through. "There will always be valleys in life, and this valley is just a small one that gets us ready for the future God has in store for us. God is using this time to prepare us for our future, and when He completes His work, through the discipline of life, it will be easy for Him to put us on display for the world to see His plans worked out through us".

Jordan Schnell took the opportunity to challenge her listeners to stand up for the Truth. "We are entering into a world plagued by senseless chaos due in part to the faulty idea that truth is relative to each individual and that there is no ultimate standard of right and wrong: it is time to stand up for the truth of the Gospel".

Graduation may not have been what was expected, but it was exactly what was needed: a graduation to remember.

In Closing

Unprecedented Restoration

During the course of this school year, Nebraska Christian witnessed the restoration of the buildings, technology, and systems that were expected to be instituted. Although many aspects of this year were expected, the 2020-2021 academic year brought more unexpected changes than perhaps ever before. Nebraska Christian's fourth quarter consisted of remote, online learning due to the novel coronavirus that spread across the world. This virus brought new meaning and understanding to the theme "Restore". For an object to reach restoration, it first must be under construction, and it must undergo changes that may seem for the worse, but in the end are necessary for a finished work. This applied to the expected campus restorations, but it also applied to the new learning system that was instituted as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The virus had devastating economic and health implications, and complying with the social distancing guidelines by staying at home was monotonous, but it allowed for an unprecedented restoration. The extra time at home allowed for a restored importance of small communities, restored family time, and most importantly, restoration and development of the Christian's relationship with Christ. Even amongst a world-wide pandemic, God has allowed for restoration to grace Nebraska Christian, our country, and our world.

- Jordan Schnell (12)





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"I closed my eyes for but a moment and suddenly a man stood where my boy used to be. I many not be able to carry you now in my arms, but I will always carry you in my heart. You have given me so many reasons to be proud of the man you have become, but the proudest moment for me is telling others that you are my son. I love you now and forever."

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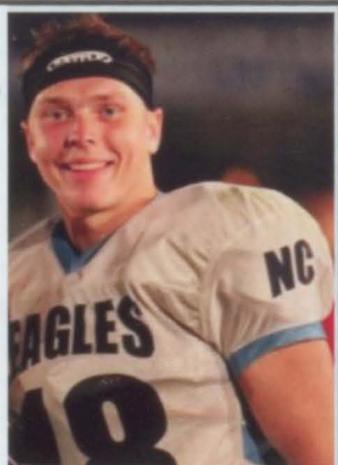
"The father of a righteous child has great joy; a man who fathers a wise son rejoices in him."
Proverbs 23:24



Now therefore, O sons, listen to me, For blessed are they who keep my ways. Heed instruction and be wise, And do not neglect it. Blessed is the man who listens to me, Watching daily at my gates, Waiting at my doorposts. For he who finds me finds life and obtains favor from the LORD.' Proverbs 8:32-35

Garrett, You love, listen, and obey God. Your life shows the wisdom you have been given which is a precious treasure and has delighted and amazed us. We are very thankful to a great Savior who put you in our family!

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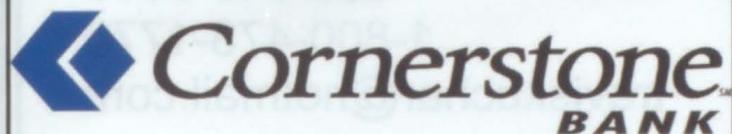
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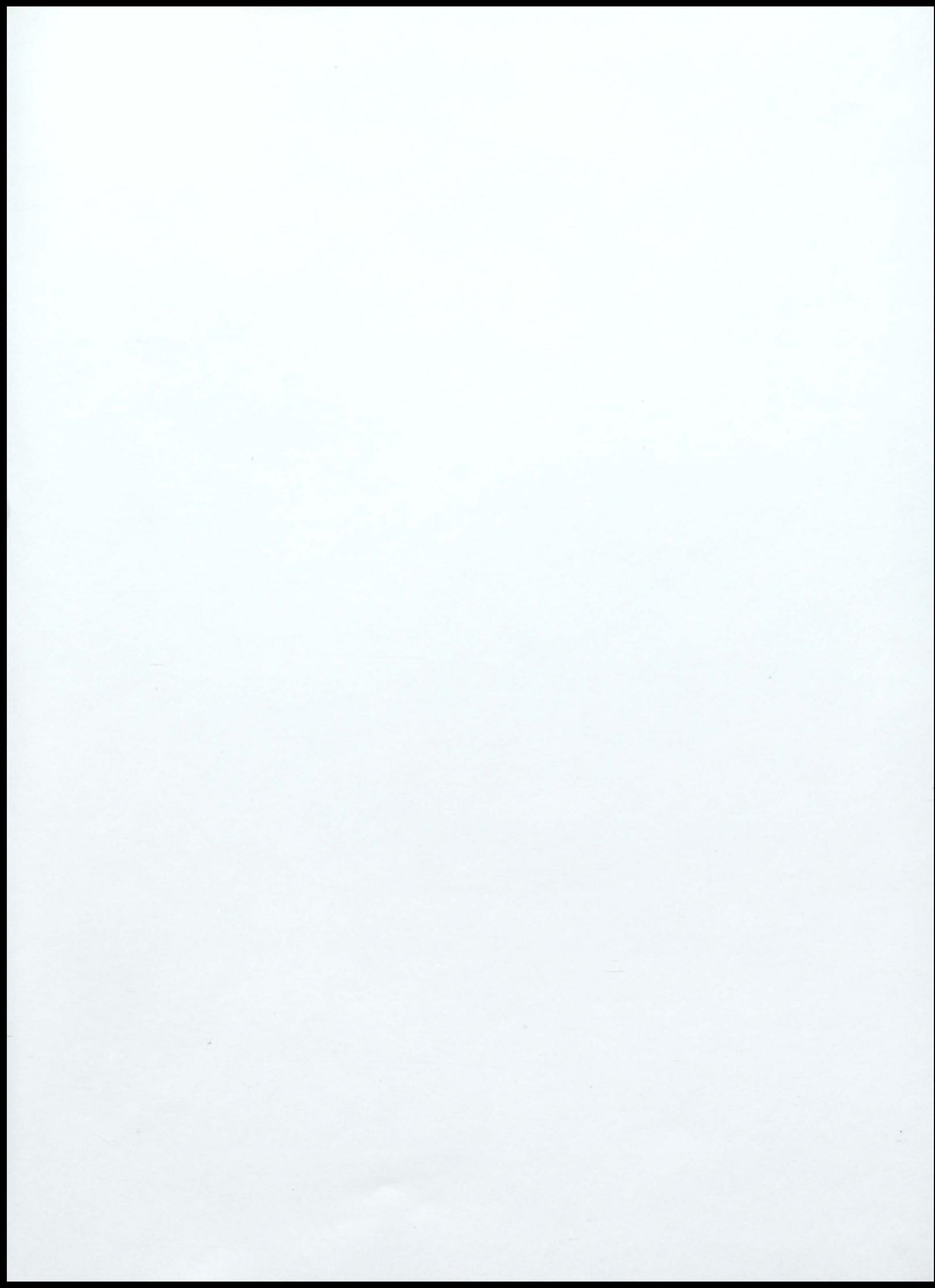
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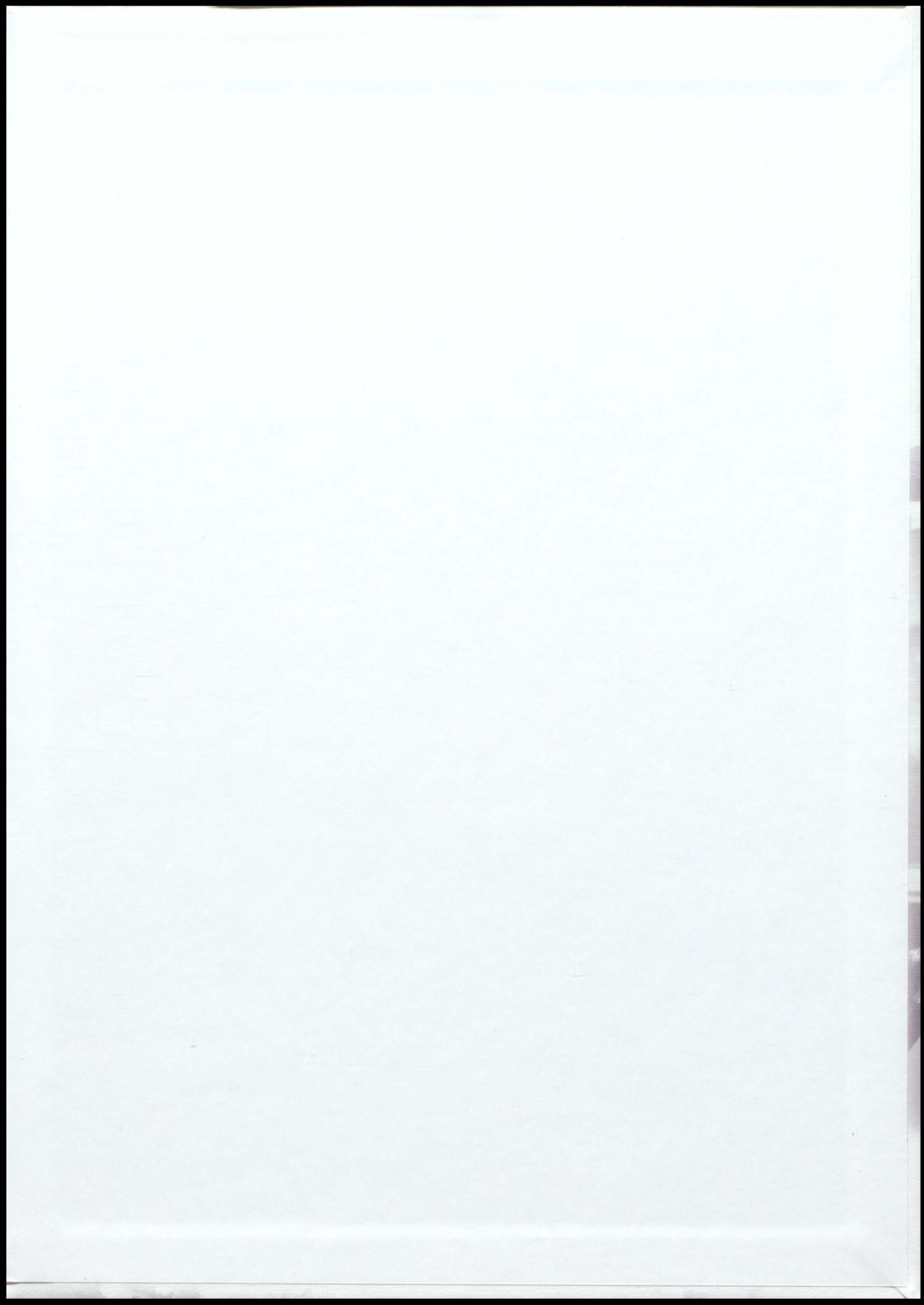
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